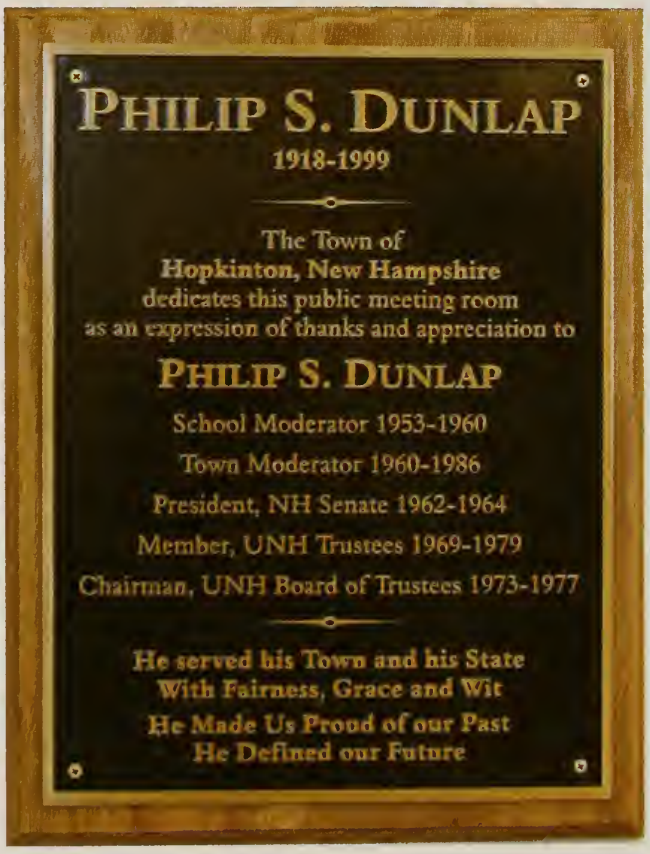
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The Cover

During the past year the main room in our historic town hall has undergone major renovations paid for with a generous memorial gift from the Philip and Shirley Dunlap family. The centerpiece of the upgrade of this room is the new town seal, a work of art created by a local New Hampshire artisan, Morgan Murdough of Henniker. If you have not visited the town hall recently you should so you can appreciate the grand improvement in a room at the heart of our democratic process and the value of carefully directed private generosity. We extend our thanks to the Dunlap family.



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In Memoriam

Owen L. French

Hopkinton lost a dear and caring friend this past year with the passing of Owen French. A Vermonter by birth, Owen moved to Hopkinton fifty-four years ago and soon after became involved in town affairs. With a strong financial management background, Owen became Town Treasurer in 1959 and served in that capacity for forty-one years, retiring in 2000. He provided the town with flawless record keeping, expert financial management and a devotion to the accuracy of his work. His tall, quiet presence masked a warm and personable nature and a passion for community service. In every respect, Owen was a dedicated contributor to our community. He cared deeply about Hopkinton and its people. He will be greatly missed. We dedicate this Town Report to Owen L. French.



Boston Post Cane

Presentation of Boston Post Cane to Eldest Resident

At the August 8, 2005 public meeting, Selectman Lloyd Holmes, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, presented the Boston Post Cane to John Archer, eldest resident of the Town of Hopkinton. Mr. Archer was born December 13, 1908. Mr. Archer's sister, Phebe Ferguson was the previous holder of the Boston Cane until her passing at the age of 102 on July 19, 2005. Mr. Archer read a poem that he composed for the occasion. Many Hopkinton residents were in attendance for the presentation. In 2007 Mr. Archer celebrated his 99th birthday.



The Boston Post Cane

I ended a few verses written at age 95 by saying:
"I won't be looking for rhymes to fix,
But for a new surprise at 96."

A surprise it was when I was told
That at ninety-six, I was sufficiently old
To become the holder of the cane.
If I'm the oldest in the town,
The average age must be down.
I don't feel old enough to be standing here
When my sister died at a hundred and two,
I had expected to be sitting with you.
I thought of the cane, I don't deny
But my sister was six years older than I.

There's still a chance that I'm just a mistake,
If the Town Clerk's office such an error can make.
Maybe Sue Strickford got the figures wrong
Leaving me in a spot where I don't belong.

What has become of all the old people
If a mere ninety-six puts me on the steeple?
Your job now is to keep me alive,
My job is figuring how to survive.
The Boston Post Cane may suggest the end,
But I take it only as denoting a trend.
At least it gives me a modest identity
For my remaining days in this community.

John Archer

History of The Boston Post Cane



In August 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the *Boston Post*, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 431 towns (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.

The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-carat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip. The head was engraved with the inscription, --- *Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of* (name of town) --- *"To Be Transmitted"*. The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the the hands of the oldest citizen. Apparently no Connecticut towns were included, and only two towns in Vermont are known to have canes.

In 1924, Mr. Grozier died, and the Boston Post was taken over by his son, Richard, who failed to continue his father's success and eventually died in a mental hospital. At one time the Boston Post was considered the nation's leading standard-sized newspaper in circulation. Competition from other newspapers, radio and television contributed to the Post's decline and it went out of business in 1957.

The custom of the Boston Post Cane took hold in those towns lucky enough to have canes. As years went by some of the canes were lost, stolen, taken out of town and not returned to the Selectmen or destroyed by accident.

In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.

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Executive Summary

2007 was a year of major swings for the Town of Hopkinton. A tight fiscal budget forced the Board to postpone many projects and to discourage many efforts that would eventually contribute greatly toward what makes Hopkinton such a special place. On the other hand, there were some significant accomplishments achieved, primarily, because of enormous private generosity. Despite the extreme measures to stop the building of the Slusser Senior Center, including the torching of the building and the incessant attacks on the project by a very few citizens, the tax-free Center was finally opened in November to the delight of a large and happy crowd of senior Hopkinton citizens. The Senior Center, now fully integrated into the Recreation Department, has embarked on its mission to help provide for the recreational, social and physical wellbeing of our seniors. Although the night of the arson was probably one of Hopkinton's lowest points, the response of its citizenry to work to guarantee the completion of the Center was one of our town's highest points. Hundreds of townspeople contributed both labor and coin to see the Center through to completion. A very special "thank you" goes to Gene and Anne Slusser.

The other major physical improvement in town was the completion of the updating and upgrading of the main meeting room in the Town Hall. This, too, was the result of a very generous memorial gift from the Dunlap family in memory of Philip Dunlap, long time town moderator and an accomplished political leader at both the town and state level. The town seal, depicted on the cover of this report, is the centerpiece of the renovations and is worthy of a visit to view it, if you haven't. It is a work of art.

The Board continued the expansion of its "openness" initiative by providing audio versions of every Board meeting so that any citizen can listen to Board proceedings at home through the town's website. Short of video recording of meetings, which would be prohibitively expensive, every method possible is being employed to guarantee access to the proceedings of the Board.

A great deal of time was invested by the Board in trying to determine the best method to take in reassessing the entire town and regaining the confidence of the citizens in the fair application of the property tax. After a careful review of our recent history, the Board decided to hire Purvis & Company, a qualified New Hampshire assessing firm with which we had had excellent experience, to perform a complete reassessment over the next two years. The goal is to have a property database that is as accurate as possible so that the tax burden is distributed as fairly as possible.

The Board also continued to work with the department heads to maintain a level tax rate. The town rate was reduced to $4.04 per thousand and managed to

offset the $.34 increase in the County rate. The Selectmen and the Department Managers managed to keep their recommended increase over last year's town tax to less than 1%.

A major concern going forward will be the town's ability to retain its excellent staff and to attract quality people as needed. In 2007 we lost three very valuable managers- Rob Mattes, the Recreation Director, Don Houston, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Ed Wojnowski, Town Administrator. We were fortunate to be able to hire Justin LaVigne, a young man with excellent recreation experience, but Don Houston's position remains unfilled. Bob Veloski was hired as interim town administrator and is doing an excellent job. Retaining good people is a necessity for small town government to function well. We are presently blessed with a corps of outstanding employees and we must work to keep it that way.

The Board of Selectmen thanks the employees, the volunteers, the committee members and, especially, the citizens for their support, dedication and patience. We look forward to 2008 and its unique challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

George Langwasser, *Chairman*
Peter Russell
Don Lane
Tom Congoran
Scott Flood



Board of Selectmen: Scott Flood, George Langwasser, Don Lane, Peter Russell and Tom Congoran

Moderator Gary Richardson called the Annual Meeting of the Town of Hopkinton to order on March 13, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in the Hopkinton High School gymnasium. The Moderator recognized Jayne Schoch for consideration of ballot articles 1, 2, and 3, seconded by Toni Gray.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and major vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

2 Selectman	3 Year Terms
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	1 Year Term
3 Budget Committee	3 Year Terms
2 Library Trustee	3 Year Terms
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

Article 2: To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

 1. To amend Section XV Board of Adjustment by inserting paragraph 15.12 Expiration of Special Exceptions and Variances. The paragraph shall specify that Special Exception or Variance would expire upon two (2) years of disuse or discontinuance. The provisions of paragraph 15.12 shall apply only to Special Exceptions or Variances granted after the effective date of this paragraph. *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*
 Yes_____ **No**_____

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

 - To amend Section II, 2.1 Definitions by inserting the definition of Designated Open Space and changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions.

- To amend Section II, 2.1 Definitions by inserting the definition of Open Space, Designated and changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions.

- To amend Section III, 3.6 Use Regulations by omitting Table of Uses 3.6.A.4 pertaining to Conservation Subdivisions and renumber the remaining elements.

- To amend Section IV, 4.1 General Requirements, 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements, 4.3 Table of Dimensional Requirements by inserting reference to Section VIII Conservation Subdivisions for the subdivision of land for residential purposes.

- To repeal existing Section VIII Conservation Subdivisions and replace it with a new section entitled the same. The new section will establish standards for residential development of land in conjunction with the permanent protection of a portion of the property as undeveloped open space. The revisions will require applicants to provide detailed information on a parcel and receive input from the Planning Board and public on their preferences for the layout of the subdivision, prior to submitting a completed application. Revisions include a specific formula to determine the allowable number of dwelling units; providing incentives for conserving a greater portion of the property; providing public access, or protecting the land with a permanent conservation easement; and includes additional criteria with regards to the layout, allowed uses, and long-term management and protection of open space. The conservation subdivision approach will be the first option for all larger developments with conventional subdivisions only being permitted under specific conditions.
 (Recommended by the Planning Board)
 Yes_____ No_____

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board (7-0) for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

 - To amend Section II, 2.1 Definitions by inserting the definition of Construction and Demolition Debris and changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions.
 (Recommended by the Planning Board)
 Yes_____ No_____

Article 3: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March? Submitted by Petition. Three-fifth (3/5) Majority Vote Required. The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.

Yes_____ No_____

At 12:00 (noon), the meeting recessed, but the polls remained open until 7:00 p.m. The 242nd meeting reconvened at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 14th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Gary Richardson called the Annual Meeting of the Town of Hopkinton to order at 7:12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 and read the results of the town election.

Total Ballots Cast: 1,648
Voter Turnout: 39.6%
Number of Registered Voters: 4,258

Selectman

For 3 years	*Vote for 2*
Louise Carr	542
Tom Congoran	**918 elected**
Scott W. Flood	**791 elected**
Joanie McIntire	780

Budget Committee

For 3 years	*Vote for 3*
Daniel Coen	**1130 elected**
Patrice Gerseny	**1113 elected**
Karen Irwin	**1105 elected**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

For 3 years	*Vote for 1*
Sue B. Strickford	**1535 elected**

Supervisor of Checklist

For 1 year	*Vote for 1*
Sharon C. Baker	**1404 elected**

Trustee of Trust Funds

For 3 years	*Vote for 1*
Richard Gourley	**1364 elected**

Library Trustee

For 3 years	*Vote for 2*
George W. Chase	**964 elected**
Holly Gagne	**973 elected**
Beth Taylor	635

Cemetery Trustee

For 3 years	*Vote for 1*
Patricia C. Smith	**1355 elected**

Town Warrant Article 2. Zoning Ordinances

Article 2.1	YES-1,251	NO-294
Article 2.2	YES-1,210	NO-326
Article 2.3	YES-1,309	NO-235

Town Warrant Article 3. Proposed Town Government Procedural Change Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB-2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March? Submitted by petition. 3/5th majority vote required for passage.

YES-714 **NO-900**

The results of the ballot vote on March 13, 2007 for the school district were as follows:

School Board

For 3 years	*Vote for 1*
David Luneau	**843 elected**
Marion L. Paxton	291
Peter B. Yunich	389

School Treasurer

For 1 year	*Vote for 1*
Arnold Coda	**854 elected**
Arpiar Saunders	662

School Moderator

For 1 year	*Vote for 1*
Charles Dibble	**1357 elected**

School Clerk

For 1 year	*Vote for 1*
Susan Batchelder	**1390 elected**

School District Warrant Article 1. Proposed Hopkinton School District Procedural Change. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB-2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Hopkinton School District on the second Tuesday of March? Submitted by petition. 3/5th majority vote required for passage.

YES-807 **NO-803**

Boy Scout Troop 77 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Donohue sang the National Anthem, and Pastor Kevin Nichols from St. Andrews Church, gave the invocation.

Moderator Gary Richardson gave instructions for the procedures to be followed and reviewed parliamentary rules.

The moderator recognized Merle Dustin who encouraged taxpayers to continue to be active in attending meetings and commended all involved for their dedicated efforts over the past year.

The moderator recognized Selectman Louise Carr who expressed her pleasure for the large turnout. She introduced the officials present as follows: Robert Blanchette, finance director; Edward Wojnowski, town administrator; Clarke Kidder, selectman; George Langwasser, selectman; Peter Russell, selectman; Don Lane, selectman; and Russ Hilliard, town counsel.

Selectman Carr asked attendees if there was an interest in having the town meeting moved to a Saturday. There were many who indicated a preference for a Saturday, but the majority of those present preferred Wednesday.

Outgoing Selectman Clarke Kidder and Selectman Louise Carr were recognized for their services to the community years and were presented with gifts.

Selectman George Langwasser thanked everyone in attendance for exercising the democratic principle of voting. He pledged to try to restore the trust and to get the town to move forward. He encouraged people to leave the meeting as neighbors, not as adversaries.

At 7:30 p.m., The moderator proceeded to warrant article 4.

Article 4. The moderator recognized George Langwasser for the purpose of moving Article 4, seconded by Louise Carr, as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,024,872 to defray the cost of General Government Operations:

General Government Functions	$$ in Year 2007
Executive	224,343
Election, Reg., Vital Stats. & Tax Coll.	254,643
Financial Administration	106,609
Assessing	56,515
Legal	25,000
Personnel Administration	66,600
Planning & Zoning Departments	104,029
Cemeteries	41,101
Insurance	136,032
Economic Development Committee	10,000
Total	**$1,024,872**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator recognized Karen Irwin, speaking as the Budget Committee chairman regarding Articles 4-13. She stated the budget committee went through an extensive process reviewing each budget request. She explained articles 4 through 13 are individual articles that comprise the $5,351,846 operating budget that was approved and recommended by the budget committee. She said initially the town came in with about a $5.5 million budget request, with a 7.28% increase. After reviewing it and going through the public budget hearing process, the town reduced the amount to the budget committee's target. The Budget committee set a target of 3.8% increase, in line with the Consumer Price Index, which the town met and the budget committee approved.

The moderator recognized Allan Bloomquist who stated the need to examine the budget and pass only necessities, not the "nice to have" items. He said he appreciated the time and effort the budget committee and selectmen spent working on the budget, but stated the Selectmen should be looking at a budget decrease, not an increase.

Mr. Bloomquist made a motion to reduce Article 4, General Government Operations, by $25,000, making the total of the article $999,872. Eugene Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Bloomquist stated his rationale was to compare last year's budget to the proposed budget. He said the assessing budget would be about $60,000 lower than the previous year, but the insurance expense will increase by about $35,000, resulting in a $25,000 budgetary difference.

The moderator called for voice vote on Mr. Bloomquist's motion. He asked for a second voice vote and stated it was also too close to call. The moderator called for a Yes/No ballot vote and gave instructions for voting.

At 7:40 p.m., the Yes/No ballot vote began. The Supervisors of the Checklist noted 694 voters had registered at that time.

Moderator Richardson called the meeting back to order at 8 p.m. He directed the meeting to move ahead to Article 25, as printed in warrant, and stated the ballot clerks would tally the votes on the Bloomquist motion while the meeting continued.

The moderator announced the results of Mr. Bloomquist's motion to reduce Article 4 by $25,000. YES votes 410, NO votes 245.
The motion to amend Article 4 passed.

The moderator opened discussion on Article 4 as amended.

David Feller asked for an explanation about the assessing department. He recalled three or four years ago, the selectmen convinced the Town to hire a full time assessor, and it was approved. He asked why this year they are being told the town will save money by going back to having a part-time assessor.

Selectman Langwasser responded to the question stating the selectmen decided to try something different. They decided not to use Avitar Associates for assessing services. Based on competitive bidding, the selectmen chose Purvis & Company, who is registered with the State and does many municipalities. The idea was that the Town would employ a consultant to work with the current staff and together they could do the assessing function. The actual assessing will be done by certified assessors who work for Purvis. The Town will reach certification as required by the Department of Revenue Administration in five years. Each year, twenty-five percent (25%) of the properties will have a physical visit from an assessor. There will not be any more "windshield" surveys. After four years, 100% of the properties will have been re-evaluated.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 4, and it passed as amended.

Article 5: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 5, seconded by Louise Carr, as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,312,650** to defray the cost of Public Safety Operations:

Public Safety Operations	$$ in Year 2007
Police Department	651,514
Animal Control	5,816
Ambulance Service	397,152
Fire Department	249,392
Emergency Management	1
Rescue Squad	8,775
Total	**$1,312,650**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator opened discussion on Article 5.

Dan Coen asked a series of questions about why voters had not been asked to vote on the full time fire chief, building inspector, and the additional EMT. He recalled the town had voted at previous Town Meetings not to have a full time fire chief. He questioned the need for a building inspector.

Selectman Russell indicated the EMT had been hired. The full time deputy fire chief will handle administrative tasks in addition to the code enforcement and life safety code responsibilities, including many rules and regulations involving hazard materials and other issues. The EMT was hired to take over the deputy's duties on the ambulance. We currently have a full time deputy chief who handles the administrative duties when the part time fire chief is not available. We have purchased some software that will track building permits from application to the code enforcement officer and eventually to the assessor consultant. It isn't just the hiring of an EMT, it is streamlining the whole process.

Dan Coen referred to the 2003 Town Meeting that had voted against an amendment for a full time fire chief. He questioned the full time chief position.

Selectman Russell responded the article was not asking for a full time fire chief.

Dan Coen made a motion to amend article 5 to $1,271,650, a reduction of $41,000, seconded by Beth Taylor. Mr. Coen stated the voters should have the opportunity to decide if people are hired.

Selectman Russell clarified the Board has not hired a full-time fire chief. He stated there has been a full time deputy fire chief for over ten years. The town

had hired a basic EMT/firefighter.

John Pianka, the full time deputy fire chief addressed the meeting. He said in addition to code enforcement, he also handles administrative work for the chief, record keeping, hazardous materials records, fire prevention, fire inspection and fire investigation. He has been out of the office 55 times so far this year for inspections and meetings with contractors and builders. He feels he has justified the position.

Richard Kennedy spoke against Mr. Coen's amendment stating the EMT duties covered by the deputy chief's position would be covered by the additional EMT.

Sherry Young asked if the money would be used to hire a full time fire chief.

Selectman Russell stated it was not for a full time chief and explained in the past when the deputy fire chief was conducting a building inspection he would have to leave for an ambulance call. The change was to make the deputy fire chief an administrative position, his EMT function had been taken away, and a basic EMT was hired to cover those duties.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Coen's Motion to Amend Article 5 by a $41,000 decrease, and declared the motion defeated by voice vote.

Article 5 was opened for further discussion.

Jayne Schoch commented it doesn't have anything to do with the $41,000. She stated it has to do with the fact that the people feel left out that they're not part of the process and they get angry.

Richard Gourley asked about ambulance transport reimbursements.

Selectman Russell answered the service and transport payments are determined by Medicare.

Gregory Berry expressed concern about the increases in the employer contribution rates to the NH Retirement System. He questioned whether the chief would be able to respond to an emergency if it goes beyond the 32-hours maximum. He spoke about the need for an open hiring process for next chief.

The moderator yielded to Police Chief David Wheeler. He stated Steve

Pecora was promoted to lieutenant, with the full support of the board, with the understanding that he was a chief in training. He also addressed the question of why there was a budget increase when the $18,000 in retirement was removed. The increase is to bring the patrol officers up to a competitive pay level, it gives officers an average increase of about $3,000. The Chief and the Board and worked out an arrangement and discussed his transition. He was able to reduce his budget by not paying into the retirement system and he worked out an agreement to bring his budget down to 3%.

Skip Korbet stated the town has supported full time police and fire positions for years. He asked why the Selectmen made the decision to decertify the police chief position without voter consideration. He asked if the board has the power to take any town position that is full time and make it part time.

Thomas Johnson, Jr. referred to Article 11 in the 1964 Town report that approved hiring a full time chief of police. Mr. Johnson stated he had no objection to the chief's proposal, but he objected, under a point of order, to the legal procedure that should be followed to rescind the previous vote to allow the chief to go forward.

Peg DiPastina stated there was confusion about whether the proposal was to hire a full-time fire chief referencing the narrative on page 57.

Selectman Russell stated the Board removed the deputy fire chief from his responsibilities on the ambulance and made him responsible for the fire chief's administrative duties, in addition to building inspection and code enforcement officer. He stated the town has not hired a full-time fire chief.

David Lancaster requested legal counsel answer Mr. Johnson's inquiry.

Chief Wheeler explained the decertification is not under RSA 105:2. The decertification process allows the town to employ, up to 32 hours per week, that position without having it certified for group II retirement. Only a selectman, by statute, has the authority to certify or decertify any group II position, fire or police.

Attorney Hilliard stated Chief Wheeler's explanation was correct in regard to the retirement system.

Thomas Johnson disagreed with the Town attorney's statement. He said in 1964 there was a heated discussion regarding the full-time position. The town was not being given the opportunity to have that discussion, it had been taken out of the hands of the legislative body and it was an injustice to the town meeting

form of government. He stated he was not opposed to what was being presented, he was opposed to what was being done.

The moderator called for voice vote and indicated Article 5 defeated by voice vote.

Article 6: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 6, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,969,438** to defray the cost of Public Works Operations:

Public Works Operations	**$$ in Year 2007**
Highway Administration	536,195
Highways & Streets	466,080
Building & Grounds (formerly Parks Dept)	230,797
Street Lighting	1,500
Transfer Station Operations	586,488
Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring	41,300
Sewer Department	107,078
Total	**$1,969,438**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

Alan Bloomquist made a motion to amend Article 6 to reduce it by $34,736, seconded by Dale Warner.

Mr. Bloomquist's rationale was to reduce the proposed 5.6% increase over the 2006 actual budget. He stated the goal of the budget committee was to keep the budget at a 3.8% increase.

Discussion took place about the irrigation systems and field maintenance.

Karen Irwin, spoke against the amendment as the budget committee chair. She stated the bulk of the town budget reductions came from the Public Works Department.

The moderator called for voice vote on Mr. Bloomquist's motion to reduce Article 6 by $34,736. The moderator called for second voice vote, but stated it also was too close to call. He called for standing vote.

The moderator announced the results of the standing vote and declared

Mr. Bloomquist's motion to amend defeated.
YES votes 295 NO votes 301

Selectman Lane noted the major increases in materials and gas and noted one-third of the proposed budget is for the transfer station.

Dave Boughton questioned the amount of the Buildings & Grounds budget for the Slusser Center.

Selectman Lane responded there was no money in this article. It would be taken up separately.

The moderator called for vote on Article 6 as originally presented and declared the voice vote passed.

Moderator Richardson recognized David Feller to make a motion for reconsideration of Article 5, seconded by David Lancaster.

David Feller stated several years ago the town overwhelmingly endorsed the fire and police departments so that we could live in a safe community. He commended Chief Wheeler and felt the vote that was taken on the previous article was a travesty.

The moderator indicated the motion was debatable.

Richard Hampe asked whether Mr. Feller voted with the prevailing side.

David Feller responded he did vote with the prevailing side.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Feller's motion to reconsider and declared it passed.

The moderator directed the meeting to take up the vote on Article 5 and opened it for further discussion or amendment.

Dan Coen stated he did not believe that many people in the room were opposed to public safety, but the people in town want a say in what goes on.

Keith Wallace asked for clarification on what positions are being approved because the Selectmen say one thing, and the town report narrative says something else.

Selectman Lane stated there were no plans for a full time fire chief, the narrative was incorrect.

Selectman Carr offered a motion to amend the narrative to strike the words "full time fire chief".

The moderator indicated voting was only for a warrant article, not a narrative description, but he called for an advisory voice vote to strike "full time chief" from the narrative and declared the voice vote passed.

Discussion continued on the code enforcement position.

Ben Cochran asked if voting yes will mean that the Town will no longer have a full time police chief.

Selectman Russell responded if it is approved, the amount budgeted for the Police Chief will be for a part time chief.

Richard Kennedy moved the question.

The moderator indicated it was not a debatable motion.

The moderator called for a voice vote to terminate debate on Article 5 and declared it passed.

The moderator called for a voice vote on article 5 as printed in the warrant and declared it passed.

Article 7: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 7, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to amend the amount of funds to be placed in the Recycling Revolving Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting by limiting the amount of moneys received from fees, charges or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund to $20,000.

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

Chris Lawless asked for an explanation of the article.

Selectman Lane responded the purpose was to change the fund established last year from a percentage of the revenues received to a specific dollar amount of $20,000 annually to be used to improve and enhance recycling efforts. Because of the success of the recycling program the fund took in more money than anticipated.

The moderator called for voice vote and Article 7 passed.

Article 8: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 8, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$119,139** to defray the cost of Health and Human Services Operations:

Health & Human Service Operations	**$$ in Year 2007**
Community Action Program -- (CAP)	5,037
Human Services Administration	59,102
Human Services Vendors	55,000
Total	**$119,139**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

Article 9: The moderator recognized Selectman Carr for the purpose of moving Article 9, seconded by Selectman Lane, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$126,764** to defray the cost of Recreation Operations:

Recreation Operations	**$$ in Year 2007**
Recreation Department	123,364
Patriotic Purposes	3,400
Total	**$126,764**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

David Lancaster made a motion to take up Article 17 prior to Article 9, seconded by Romeo Dubreuil.

The moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to take up Article 17 and directed the meeting move to article 17 at 10:00 p.m.

At 10:50 p.m., the moderator directed the meeting to return to Article 9.

Martha McNeil made a point of clarification about the administrative costs for maintaining the programs.

David Lancaster proposed an amendment to cut the recreation budget by $20,360, for a revised total of $106,404 (line item 4520-126 summer day camp staff, 4520-127 adventure camp staff, 4520-115 program coordinator to be zeroed out). The amendment was seconded by Merle Dustin.

Selectman Carr asked whether Mr. Lancaster might be looking at an old budget because the adventure day camp was already zero and the program coordinator was not part of the budget either.

Dan Coen stated there had been misinformation printed in the newspaper, that cuts were not made to the recreation department by the budget committee, they were made by the Board of Selectmen.

Ian Tewksbury asked whether the budget committee recommended the recreation department's budget, because the warrant states it was recommended by the budget committee, yet two members of that committee stated they did not agree with it.

David Lancaster stated both he and Dan Coen voted against the town budget. He said they were given cuts at last the minute and neither one thought they should be making decisions without having time to review the cuts.

Karen Irwin, budget committee chair, replied the budget committee reviewed the cuts. She said the bottom line was the budget committee did recommend the article as a committee.

Moderator Richardson called for a voice vote on Mr. Lancaster's motion to amend Article 9 to reduce $20,360 from the Recreation Department and declared the motion defeated.

Cettie Connolly made an amendment to reduce the recreation budget to $68,000, seconded by Nancy Needham.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mrs. Connolly's motion and declared it defeated.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 9 and declared it passed.

Article 10: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 10, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,436 to defray the cost of the Slusser Senior Center.

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

Jane Bradstreet spoke in favor of the article and asked people to forgive the grievances of the past nine months. She said the issue before us is whether we want Hopkinton to have a senior center.

Dale Warner stated he respected the time the board and committees spent, but he said the Board indicated the senior center would not cost any tax dollars.

Selectman Carr stated the building of the center will not cost the taxpayers money, but the operating costs will come from taxes.

Arnold Coda spoke against the article. He questioned what the amount was based on because no plan was brought forward to the taxpayers. He stated it has nothing to do with whether or not he is in favor of the senior center.

Selectman Lane replied there had been public hearings and many committee meetings over the last year.

Martha McNeil spoke as a Senior Center committee member, and said the committee had done the homework on the estimate by looking at the electrical and heating costs of buildings of comparable size.

Dave Boughton stated he was speaking against the article because it was the first time he had been given the chance to vote against the Senior Center.

Jane Fairchild spoke in support of the senior center and stated the furnishings won't cost taxpayer money and the plan is to keep the cost of programming revenue neutral.

Mike Martin thanked the Slussers for their generous donation. He felt the town would make a huge mistake not to accept it over $12,000. He said the process was the problem, not the gift.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 10, and the voice vote passed.

At 11:30 pm, the moderator called for a voice vote on whether to adjourn the annual meeting until Saturday. Those present indicated they wanted the meeting to continue.

Article 11: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 11, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$270,202** to defray the cost of the Hopkinton Library:

Library Operations	**$$ in Year 2007**
Hopkinton Library	270,202
Total	**$270,202**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 11 passed.

Article 12: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 12, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,225** for Conservation:

Conservation	**$$ in Year 2007**
Conservation Commission	1,225
Total	**$1,225**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 12 passed.

Article 13: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 13, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$527,606** for the payment of principal and interest of long-term debt.

Long-term Debt & TAN Interest	**$$ in Year 2007**
Principal - Bonds and Notes	377,772
Interest – Bonds and Notes	149,834
Total	**$527,606**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 13 passed.

Article 14: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 14, seconded by Selectman Lane, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following funds to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve funds as follows:

Capital Reserve Accounts	**$$ in Year 2007**
Town Hall Renovations	20,000
Computer Hardware/Software Upgrades	7,500
Legal Fund	25,000
Community Center	25,000
Fire Dept Vehicles and Equipment	82,500
Public Works Vehicles and Equipment	110,000
Transfer Station Equipment	27,500
Police Cruisers and Accessories	33,000
Recreation Shuttle Bus	5,000
Library Replacement Building System	9,000
Total	**$344,500**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

John Boatwright expressed concern about the Slusser Center fire. He explained the the need for safety prevention, including video surveillance and infrared detection for town-owned buildings, particularly the historic Town Hall.

Mr. Boatwright made an amendment to add $22,500 to the computer hardware/software capital reserve account, for total of $367,000, seconded by Alan Bloomquist.

Dale Warner said he agreed with the need, but money should come from within the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Boatwright's amendment and declared it defeated.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 14, and declared it passed.

Article 15: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 15, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to

raise and appropriate the following funds to be placed in previously established Expendable General Trust Funds as follows.

Expendable General Trust Funds	**$$ in Year 2007**
Hopkinton Library Technology	8,500
Town Facilities	25,000
Recreation Facilities	5,000
Library Building/Grounds	5,000
Benefits Pay	2,500
Human Services	5,000
Total	**$51,000**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 15 passed.

Article 16: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 16, seconded by Selectman Carr, shall we rescind the remaining debt authorization of three million seventy-three thousand two hundred fifty dollars, **$3,073,250**, on the conservation bond that was voted in at the Town Meeting in 2003? ***Submitted by Petition.***
The Board of Selectmen did not support the article.

David Lancaster stated the article in Town Lines was incorrect. The proposed change would require a 2/3 town meeting vote for additional conservation purchases.

Byron Carr spoke against the petitioned article and encouraged the town stay the course for future conservation efforts.

Digit Taylor, a member of open space committee, spoke against the article. She gave an overview of the six protected parcels the Town has purchased encompassing 481 acres. She stated if the bond is rescinded, land owners will be less interested in working with the town and timing will also become an issue because a potential buyer will have to wait until March town meeting for approval.

Richard Kennedy spoke against the article and stated open space is the best investment the Town can make.

Ron Klemarczyk spoke against the article and stated the open space committee

and conservation commission work closely to protect open habitats.

Beth Taylor stated the only difference would be the 2/3 vote to ensure the purchase was what the voters wanted, a special meeting could be called if necessary.

Digit Taylor replied Superior Court approval is required to expend money that is not bonded. When the bonding authority is in place, calling a special Town Meeting is an option.

David Boughton offered an amendment to rescind $2 million of the remaining bond, leaving slightly over $1 million. Because there was no second to Mr. Boughton's amendment, the moderator declared the motion to amend failed.

Bob Wells called the question.

The moderator called for a voice vote to close debate, and the voice vote passed.

The moderator announced he had received a petition requesting a yes/no ballot vote and gave instructions to begin the vote.

At 12:25 a.m., the moderator announced the results of the ballot vote--YES votes 100, NO votes 200 and declared Article 16 defeated.

Article 17: The moderator recognized Romeo Dubreuil for the purpose of moving Article 17, seconded by Selectman Carr, to eliminate the recreation department, including all positions and employees and that the department's entire operating expense included in the Town's proposed budget be eliminated and that savings resulting from the elimination of operating the recreation department are to be applied to tax relief for the citizens of Hopkinton.

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.

Romeo Dubreuil spoke in support of Article 17. He stated the recreation department is a luxury, not a need. Many programs were in place before the recreation department was originated and would remain in place if there was no recreation department. Approval of the article would remove $126,764 from the budget for Article 9 and $5,000 each from Articles 14 and 15.

Jayne Schoch spoke against the article. She stated the town needs to support programs that include offerings for all ages.

Vernon Miller spoke in support of the recreation department as one of its volunteer board members stating the volunteers work hard to make our town a more interesting place to live. They work on partnerships with companies and other organizations to bring in money. He stated Rob and the volunteers work hard on the projects. He commented it is a luxury, but it is worth keeping. It is something that gives the town personality.

Dale Warner said it was not that long ago that one person was responsible for both the parks and recreation. At that time there was a lengthy debate about whether that position was necessary. Now the budgets have grown to the point were the town has a budget for recreation over $100,000 and a separate one for parks at $250,000. The recreation department does not take care of fields, the public works department does it.

Nancy Needham spoke in support of the article to close the recreation department. She said it is more important that she can continue to live in her house than to have a recreation department. She stated the needs of the people are not being listened to and no one is looking to find solutions. People simply can't afford pay any more money.

Holly Dubreuil said she had spoken with numerous organizations in town to see if they might have room for some of the programs currently funded by taxpayers. She noted the Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA) runs completely on volunteers. It provides the town with something that they want. If the programs are really wants, volunteers will get together to provide them. It is a wants vs. need situation.

Sharon Nall, a member of the recreation committee credited Rob Mattes for the recreation programs growth. She said the department offers diverse opportunities for every age group in town.

Valerie Carr, a volunteer for the Rec. Dept. spoke in support of the department. She said the volunteers devote a great deal of time to offer a variety of activities for free family fun time.

Howard Helrich spoke in support of the recreation department and stated it offers an opportunity for cultural enrichment and intergenerational abilities for young and old. The department also provides an important economic function for working families by providing summer programs and camps.

Philip Cole, Jr. said before we had a recreation department and a director, townspeople were providing many of the activities and he believed they would continue to do so because that's the kind of town we live in.

Joanie McIntire commented on the need to have a discussion about needs and wants. She asked how the programs could be made more self sustaining. She offered some examples such as charging a minimal fee to use the Kimball Pond swimming area, starting a fund to light the ice skating rink, and having only one rink. She asked whether the summer program could be self sustaining.

Winifred Langtry spoke about taking advantage of the senior center. She thanked Nini Allen for laying the ground work for the recreation dept and stated the need is going to continue to grow as the population ages.

Sara Dustin spoke in support of the recreation department and thanked Rob Mattes for providing a clean, welcoming building.

Richard Kennedy encouraged the selectmen and school board to work together to save money.

Selectman Carr said the recreation programs do not duplicate efforts of other groups in town. She said the Recreation has a revolving fund and participants pay for programs they participate in.

Paul Dann spoke against the article. He commented on the importance of building a community. He said the recreation department adds to the quality of life. He expressed concern about the acrimony and stated the elimination of the department would cut at the heart of community and its values.

Moderator Richardson stated a Yes/No ballot petition had been submitted.

Donna Ireland asked about the numbers of participants in the recreation department programs.

Karen Irwin, Budget Committee Chair, stated the recreation department's budget last year was $108,000 and the revenue received was $58,000.

Rob Mattes, the recreation director stated there were 620 active members participating in programs over the past year and a half. He noted the figure doesn't include programs that do not require pre-registration.

Christine Menard asked what percentage of programs currently offered by the recreation department will be transferred to the senior center when it opens.

Selectman Carr replied only a small percentage of activities would move to the senior center, such as the food pantry, the human services office, senior lunch and senior activities.

The moderator called for a Yes/No ballot vote on Article 17 to eliminate the recreation department.

The moderator read the results of the ballot vote on Article 17 228 Yes votes, 394 No votes and declared the motion failed.

Article 18: The moderator recognized John Carey for the purpose of moving Article 18, seconded by Beth Taylor, to see if the Town will vote to close and sell Columbia Hall within 6 months from the date of the opening of the Slusser Senior Center.

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the article.

John Carey made a motion to amend the warrant to the original language of the petition, seconded by Dave Lancaster as follows: ***Under the proposed warrant article, Columbia Hall (located on Maple Street in Contoocook, currently a town-owned building) will be vacated from all tenant and town use, closed and sold within six months of the opening of the Slusser Senior Center. Columbia Hall will be maintained to retain its current market value and it will be sold either by purchase & sales agreement or by absolute auction to a commercial enterprise with the intent of returning the property to the tax base. Furthermore, we request that, under this proposed Warrant Article, net revenue from the sale of Columbia Hall as well as operational savings resulting from the elimination of operating expenses for Columbia Hall are to be applied to tax relief for the citizens of Hopkinton.***

John Carey explained the reason for amendment was the Board trimmed the wording and gave an interpretation of first sentence only. He stated it should not have been edited and the annual report narratives only represent the selectmen's view of the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Carey's motion to amend, and declared it passed.

There was additional discussion about the article being advisory only per the Department of Revenue Administration.

The moderator called for voice vote on Article 18 and declared it failed.

Article 19: The moderator recognized Selectman Langwasser for the purpose of moving Article 19, seconded by Richard Coen, to see if the Town will vote

to approve to limit the number of all Town employee positions, both full-time and part-time, at the number of such positions in effect as of January 1, 2007, and to direct the Selectmen not to create any new positions of whatever type, whether full or part-time, except for contracted employees who are paid under Form 1099, and, further, should the Town budget be reduced at Town meeting below the budget requested or presented by the Selectmen at the 2007 Town Meeting and positions are eliminated or reduced as a consequence of such action, such positions shall not be re-instated, with all of the foregoing being in effect for and throughout the 2007 fiscal year.

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the article.

Rick Schaefer spoke against the article stating the Fire Dept would not be able to cover holiday or sick leave. He'd have to add more money to the budget to add other full time people.

Selectman Langwasser spoke against the article stating it eliminates part time summer help, and takes away the Board's attempt to manage the town in a fair, economical manner.

The moderator called for voice vote on Article 19 and declared it failed.

Article 20: The moderator recognized David Lancaster for the purpose of moving Article 20, seconded by Chris Lawless, going henceforth, shall we request of the Board of Selectmen to retain five percent (5%) of regular general operating expenditures from the annual surplus (fund balance) with the excess to be returned to the tax payers by using said funds to offset each current year's tax rate?

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the article.

David Lancaster told the meeting to vote yes if they want the surplus returned to tax payers, or vote no if they want the selectmen to use it to pay off long term debt.

Selectman Russell stated the flaw in article is that the Department of Revenue Administration recommends keeping 5% to 10% surplus for all tax liability, which includes both the school and the municipal budget.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 20, and declared it defeated.

Article 21: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 21, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$4,000** in the interest of public health and safety to provide winter plowing and sanding on the following roads during the winter months:

South Shore Drive	1500 feet
Ridge Lane	900 feet
Rolfe Pond Road	2000 feet
Salachar Road	500 feet
Perch Lane	700 feet
Sparrow Lane	1000 feet
Robin Lane	400 feet
Loop Road (off Spring St)	800 feet

This action shall in no way be interpreted as changing the status of these roads from "private" to "public" roads. It is the general policy of the Town that no work will be done on any private or Class VI highway.

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

Chris Lawless noted there was one added road to the list.

Lorraine Ellis stated Loop Road was not an additional task, it has been plowed by the town for years. It was originally plowed years ago because fire department officers lived there and had to be able to respond to fire calls.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 21, and declared it passed.

Article 22: The moderator recognized Selectman Lane for the purpose of moving Article 22, seconded by Selectman Carr, shall we authorize the raising and appropriation of **$400** for the purchase of audio recording equipment and materials, and require that the Town audio record all public meetings of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee in a standard audio file format, and make all recordings available to the public via the Town website not later than 144 hours after each public meeting, and to remain available on the website for a period of six months, and thereafter make files available to the public in a standard audio file format? ***Submitted by Petition.***

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.
The Budget Committee recommended the article.

John Boatwright made a motion to amend article 22, to remove the wording "via the town website" and insert "at the town library", seconded by Jayne Schoch.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Boatwright's amendment, and declared the voice vote failed.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 22 as printed in the town report, and declared the voice vote passed.

Article 23: The moderator recognized Gene Buckley for the purpose of moving Article 23, seconded by Patricia Finnerty to see if the Town will vote to plow Tucker Drive, a private way. *Submitted by Petition.*

The Board of Selectmen does not support this article.

Gene Buckley made a motion to amend Article 23 to read, to see if the Town in the interest of public health and safety will provide winter plowing and sanding on Tucker Drive during the winter months.

Selectman Kidder addressed the article. He said the plan was approved in 1988 as a 36 unit mobile home development, with private roads to be maintained by the developer. When roads within mobile home parks are approved with the understanding they will remain private roads.

Ron Klemarczyk said he was on the Planning Board when the plan was approved, and maintenance of the road was a selling point from the developer, because there was no expense to the town.

Gene Buckley commented the park is a nice manufactured home development that is cooperatively owned. There are three students who live on Tucker Drive.

Erick Leadbeater asked what issue had occurred to bring up the article. He stated if the Planning Board makes a decision, the town should follow it.

The moderator called for a vote on Mr. Buckley's motion to amend article 23 and declared the motion to amend denied.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Article 23 as printed in the town report, and declared the voice vote failed.

Article 24: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 24, seconded by Selectman Carr, shall we require the Hopkinton Budget Committee to provide a tax impact statement and budget committee vote tally on each town and school district warrant article they recommend or do not recommend?

Submitted by Petition.
The Board of Selectmen recommends the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 24 passed.

Article 25: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 25, seconded by Louise Carr as follows: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Police Station Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. Said funds, presently zero (0), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required)*
The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 25 passed.

Article 26: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 26, seconded by Louise Carr as follows: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1995. Said funds, presently $3,580.82, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required)*

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 26 passed.

Article 27: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 27, seconded by Louise Carr as follows: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Conservation Land/Lease Capital Reserve Fund created in 2002. Said funds, presently zero (0), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required)*

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 27 passed.

Article 28: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 28, seconded by Louise Carr as follows: To see if the Town will

vote to discontinue the Revaluation Expendable Trust Fund created in 1997. Said funds, presently zero (0), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required)*

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 28 passed.

Article 29: The moderator recognized Selectman Russell for the purpose of moving Article 29, seconded by Louise Carr as follows: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Tanker/Pumper Expendable Trust Fund created in 1999. Said funds, presently zero (0), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. *(Majority Vote Required)*

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 29 passed.

Article 30: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 30, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of applications for subdivision of land, pursuant to RSA 674:35, I. Further, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds a Certificate of Notice showing that the Planning Board has been so authorized and giving the date of such authorization. *Submitted and recommended by the Planning Board.*

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 30 passed.

Article 31: The moderator recognized Selectman Kidder for the purpose of moving Article 31, seconded by Selectman Carr, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of site plans for nonresidential uses or for multi-family dwelling units, pursuant to RSA 674:43, I. Further, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds a Certificate of Notice showing that the Planning Board has been so authorized and giving the date of such authorization.

Submitted and recommended by the Planning Board.

Sherry Young asked for an explanation of the article.

Selectman Kidder explained currently a site plan review is optional, and in the past applicants have bypassed the process. Approval of the article will mandate

the process. The preliminary review will come before the Planning Board in all cases. It will help the applicant and the town, and also help the communication process.

The moderator called for a voice vote and Article 31 passed.

Article 32: The moderator recognized Gary York for the purpose of moving Article 32, seconded by Jan Levesque, We, the good citizens of Hopkinton, demand a withdrawal of New Hampshire and other United States troops from Iraq. It is our desire to bring our soldiers home now and end this unjustified war. This issue is of such urgency that silence is no longer an option.

Submitted by Petition.

The moderator stated the article was an advisory issue only.

Eugene Smith made a motion to remove the language "we the good citizens of Hopkinton". He recalled from Civics 101 that certain duties such as establishing foreign policy, are the responsibility of the federal government per the Constitution, not the Town of Hopkinton, Mr. Smith's motion was seconded by Chris Lawless.

The moderator called for a voice vote on Mr. Smith's amendment and declared it passed.

The moderator called for a voice vote and declared Article 32 failed.

Article 33: The moderator recognized Janet Ward for the purpose of moving Article 33, seconded by Erin Thesing, to see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Hopkinton.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.

2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Hopkinton encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen

to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. Submitted by Petition.

The moderator stated the article was advisory only.

Erin Thesing, a 2006 graduate of Hopkinton High School, encouraged support of the article. She provided information about the success of the University of New Hampshire's sustainable energy programs.

Moderator called for a voice vote and declared Article 33 passed.

Article 34: To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees, heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Number of registered voters in attendance: 740
Percentage of registered voters: 17%
Total number on checklist: 4,279

Selectman Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 AM, and it was seconded by everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue. B. Strickford
Town Clerk

A True Copy Attest, March 15, 2007

SS: State of New Hampshire Merrimack County

The Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in the said State, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

2 Selectman	3 Year Term each
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
2 Budget Committee	3 Year Term each
2 Library Trustee	3 Year Term each
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
1 Treasurer	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term

Article 2: To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

 Amend Section V, 5.4.7 Junk Vehicles by replacing it with a new paragraph entitled 5.4.7 Uninspected Vehicles. No more than one uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes_____ No_____

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board (5-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

 Amend Section XVII Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes_____ No_____

Article 3: "Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?'

Yes_____ No_____
Submitted by Petition

Article 4: "Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 members per RSA 41:8-d?'

Yes_____ No_____
Submitted by Petition

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in the said State, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 15th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,087,259** to defray the cost of General Government Operations:

General Government Functions	**$$ in Year 2008**
Executive	235,937
Election, Registrations, Vital Stats. & Tax Coll.	277,273
Financial Administration	113,529
Assessing	120,758
Legal	43,874
Personnel Administration	24,100
Planning & Zoning Departments	99,338
Cemeteries	42,251
Insurance	128,199
Economic Development Committee	2,000
Total	**$1,087,259**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,333,902** to defray the cost of Public Safety Operations:

Public Safety Operations	**$$ in Year 2008**
Police Department	652,089
Animal Control	7,084
Ambulance	409,396
Fire Department	256,557
Emergency Management	1
Rescue Squad	8,775
Total	**$1,333,902**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$52,623** and to authorize the Fire Department Ambulance to recruit and hire an additional full time Firefighter/Paramedic. The costs anticipated are $52,623 for a nine month period.

These costs include:

New Firefighter/Paramedic	**$$ in Year 2008**
Salary	$33,696
Uniforms	$2,000
Overtime	$2,000
Health/Dental	$10,013
Holidays	$2,652
Medicare	$539
Retirement	$5,723
Total	**$56,623**

This would reduce the call wages by $4,000 for a net cost of **$52,623.**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $**2,005,467** to defray the cost of Public Works Operations:

Public Works Operations	**$$ in Year 2008**
Highway Administration	544,202
Highways & Streets	511,686
Buildings & Grounds	217,557
Street Lighting	1,530
Transfer Station Operations	582,167
Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring	41,300
Sewer Department	107,025
Total	**$2,005,467**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$122,690** to defray the cost of Health and Human Services Operations:

Health & Human Service Operations	**$$ in Year 2008**
Community Action Program -- (CAP)	5,288
Human Services Administration	62,402
Human Services Vendors	55,000
Total	**$122,690**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$150,146** to defray the cost of Recreation Operations:

Recreation Operations	**$$ in Year 2008**
Recreation Department	113,619
Patriotic Purposes	3,400
Slusser Senior Center	33,127
Total	**$150,146**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$274,731** to defray the cost of the Hopkinton Library:

Library Operations	**$$ in Year 2008**
Hopkinton Library	274,731
Total	**$274,731**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Budget Committee recommends this article

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$840** for Conservation:

Conservation	**$$ in Year 2008**
Conservation Commission	840
Total	**$840**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$414,632** for the payment of Principal and Interest of long-term debt.

Long-term Debt & TAN Interest	**$$ in Year 2008**
Principal - Bonds and Notes	282,133
Interest – Bonds and Notes	132,499
Total	**$414,632**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$291,500** to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve funds as follows:

Capital Reserve Accounts	**$$ in Year 2008**
Computer Hardware/Software Upgrades	34,000
Sludge Removal	10,000
Fire Dept Vehicles and Equipment	60,000
Public Works Vehicles and Equipment	115,000
Transfer Station Equipment	27,500
Police Cruisers and Accessories	33,000

Library Replacement Building System	12,000
Total	**$291,500**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of **$7,000** to be placed in this fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$13,000** to be placed in previously established Expendable General Trust Funds as follows.

Expendable General Trust Funds	**$$ in Year 2008**
Hopkinton Library Technology	5,500
Town Facilities	0
Library Building/Grounds	5,000
Benefits Pay	2,500
Total	**$13,000**

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount of funds to be placed in the Recycling Revolving Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting by limiting the amount of monies received from fees, charges or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund to $1.

(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$4,000** in the interest of public health and safety to provide winter plowing and sanding on the following roads during the winter months:

South Shore Drive	1500 feet
Ridge Lane	900 feet
Rolfe Pond Road	2000 feet
Salachar Road	500 feet
Perch Lane	700 feet
Sparrow Lane	1000 feet
Robin Lane	400 feet
Loop Road (off Spring St)	800 feet

This action shall in no way be interpreted as changing the status of these roads from "private" to "public" roads. It is the general policy of the Town that no work will be done on any private or Class VI highway.

Submitted by Petition
(Majority Vote Required)
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to formally designate the following Town-owned tracts of land that were purchased for conservation purposes as Town Forests and to be managed by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission: Rice Lot-Tax Map 219, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Myron Lot-Tax Map 204 lot 15; Rollins Lot-Tax Map 103 lot 16; Beyers Lot-Tax Map 238 lot 80; Ransmeier Lot-Tax Map 239 lot 38.1 and Map 250 lot 67; Richards Lot-Tax Map 105 lots 12 and 17; Carson Lot-Tax Map 265 lot 2.

This article has been proposed and submitted by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission
(Majority Vote Required)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Hopkinton, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The Property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Submitted by Petition
(Majority Vote Required)

Article 21: To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees, heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, in the Year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

George A. Langwasser, *Chairman*
Donald K. Lane
Peter M. Russell
Thomas Congoran
Scott Flood
Board of Selectmen, Hopkinton, N.H.

Attest:
George A. Langwasser, *Chairman*
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Board of Selectmen, Hopkinton, N.H.

As in prior years, the Town is presenting the Warrant by operational functions in order to follow the budget form as determined by the State of New Hampshire. The narrative is designed to provide you with a better understanding of where increases and/or decreases may occur and what affect departmental or town objectives may impose. Our goal is to provide you with a better understanding of each budget item.

Ballot Articles

Articles 1 through 4 are ballot-voting articles, which require action by voting in person on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium or by absentee ballot. All absentee voting should be directed through the office of the Town Clerk.

Voting will take place:

Where:	***Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium***
When:	***Tuesday, March 11, 2008***
Polls open:	***7:30 AM and will close at 7:00 PM***

NOTE: If you have not registered to vote, you may register on the actual day of voting. Please bring a means of identification denoting your physical address and a photo I.D.

Article 1: Election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as enumerated:

Town Positions

Selectman – Two 3-year terms
Christopher Lawless
James J. O'Brien
Albert Wait

Town Treasurer – One 3-year term
Bonita A. Cressy

Trustee of Trust Funds – One 3-year term
Carolyn Hackwell

Cemetery Board of Trustees – One 3-year term
Nancy E. Miner

Library Trustees – Two 3-year terms
Donna Dunlop
Christine Hamm

Budget Committee – Two 3-year terms
Cameron Ford
Marion L. Paxton

Town Moderator – One 2-year term
Gary B. Richardson

Supervisors of Checklist – One 6-year term
Sharon C. Baker

Article 2: Zoning Amendments as proposed and deliberated by the Planning Board per a Public Hearing scheduled on January 15 and January 29, 2008.

Pursuant to RSA 675:3 & 7, the Hopkinton Planning Board held public hearings on proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance. Public hearings were held on Tuesday, January 15 and January 29, 2008.

A full-text of proposed amendments was available at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website www.hopkinton-nh.gov.

(a) Replace Section V, 5.4.7 Junk Vehicles with new language that clearly indicates that no more than one uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

Full-text of proposed amendment:

5.4.7 ~~Junk Vehicles~~ Uninspected Vehicles: ~~Two or more junk, unregistered, or inoperable automobiles or other vehicles originally designed for public or private transportation purposes or the parts to said vehicles shall not remain within any residential districts unless such vehicles and/or its parts are enclosed within a building.~~ No more than one ~~unregistered and~~ uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

Amendment is to include the requirement that vehicles be inspected. The amendment is as a result of concerns with uninspected or junk vehicles on properties within residential districts.

(b) Amend Section XVII Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

1. The following definitions need to be amended so that they include the following underlined text:

Area of Special Flood Hazard is the land in the flood plain within the Town of Hopkinton subject to a 1 percent or greater change of flooding in any given year. The area is designated as Zone(s) A and AE on the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

2. The following definitions need to be added to the Ordinance as stated below:

New Construction means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, new construction means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44CFR § 60.3(b)(5), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as the documentation is provided.

3. The following definition(s) are to be deleted since they are not applicable to Hopkinton:

Area of Shallow Flooding means a designated AO, AH, or VO zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one percent or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Breakaway Wall means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation.

Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FLOODWAY) is an official map of the community, on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated the "Regulatory Floodway". This map should

not be used to determine the correct flood hazard zone or base flood elevation, the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) will be used to make determinations of flood hazard zones and base flood elevations.

4. Other definition changes:

 Special Flood Hazard Area: Delete reference to FHBM and all zones except A and AE.

 To read as follows: **Special Flood Hazard Area** means an area having special flood mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on a FIRM a Zone A or AE. (See Area of Special Flood Hazard)

 Regulatory Floodway: Change reference to Flood Boundary and Floodway maps to Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

 To read as follows: **Regulatory Floodway** means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot at any point. These areas are designated as floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

5. Changes to the following paragraphs in Item VIII:

 - Paragraph 1a. Delete all zones except AE.
 - Paragraph 1b. Delete the word "unnumbered".
 - Paragraph 1c. Delete in its entirety as Hopkinton does not have any AO zones.
 - Paragraph 2. Delete reference to AH, AO and A1-30 zones.
 - Paragraph 2d. Delete reference to A1-30 and AH. Add reference to Zone A.

 Paragraphs to read as follows:

 1. In special flood hazard areas the Building Inspector shall determine the 100-year flood elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available.
 a. In Zone AE refer to the elevation provided in the communities Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM or FHBM.
 b. In A zones the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any 100-year flood elevation data available from Federal, State, development proposals submitted to the community (example subdivisions, site approvals, etc.) or other source.

2. The Building Inspector's 100-year flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in Zones AE and A that:

 d. recreation vehicles placed on sites within Zones AE and A shall be either (i) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, (ii) be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or (iii) meet all standards of Section 60.3 (b) (1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the Elevation and Anchoring Requirements for "Manufactured Homes" in paragraph (c) of Section 60.3;

Amendments proposed as a result of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning recently completing compliance review of Hopkinton's Floodplain Ordinance. The proposed amendments are necessary in order for Hopkinton to remain compliance in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Article 3: Town Management Form of Government.

This article seeks to change the current form of Town Government from a Town run by the Selectmen and institute a Town Manager form of government. By Statute the town manager shall be the administrative head of all departments of the town and be responsible for the efficient administration thereof, except as herein otherwise provided. He shall have general supervision of the property and business affairs of the town and of the expenditure of moneys appropriated by it for town purposes, but his authority shall not extend to warning town meetings, making bylaws, borrowing money, assessing or collecting taxes, except as otherwise provided in RSA 37:16, granting licenses, laying out highways, assessing damages, or any other functions of a judicial character vested by law in the selectmen or other town officers, nor to supervision of the offices of town clerk and town treasurer.

Submitted by Petition

Article 4: Reduction in Number of Sitting Selectmen.

This article if passed will reduce the number of Selectmen from the current 5 to 3.

Submitted by Petition

Deliberative Session – Operational Budgets

The Meeting will reconvene:

Where:	***Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium***
When:	***Saturday March 15, 2008***
Time:	***9:00 AM***

Article 5: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "General Government Operations".

The General Government Operations article includes funding for the following functions/departments: Executive, Election, Voter Registration, Vital Statistics, Tax Collector, Financial Administration, Assessing, Legal, Personnel Administration, Planning & Zoning, Cemeteries, Insurance and Economic Development.

Included in this article are the funds to operate and staff the Town Hall, the Tax Collectors Office, the Town Clerks Office, the assessing function, any legal expenses due to lawsuits/legal advice, insurance for the Town's assets, the operation of the cemeteries and economic development.

The most significant change is in the assessing area. The Town has contracted with a professional New Hampshire-based assessing firm to revalue the town properties over the next two years to ensure that all taxpayers are assessed fairly.

The next greatest percentage increase results from the decision of the Board of Selectmen to eliminate the Capital Reserve Account (the Legal Fund) and move this expense area into the Operating Budget.

Increases in the General Government category have been offset to a degree by decreases in Personnel Administration and Economic Development. Personnel Administration has decreased because of a change in the way Cobra/flex spending is calculated by our insurers. The Economic Development Committee has encumbered some funds to offset planned expenses and has reduced its request for this budget year.

Overall, the budget for General Government Operations increased by $87,387 or 8.74%. With the exception of Assessing and Legal most other increases can be attributed to modest raises and health insurance.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee reduced this article by $1,000 during deliberations. The Budget Committee recommended these cuts come from the conferences and training line of the budget. The Board would like to see $1,000 reinstated for conferences and training.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 6: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Public Safety Operations".

Public Safety Operations include: Police Department, Animal Control, Ambulance, Fire Department, Emergency Management and the Rescue Squad.

The largest increase is for Ambulance, which is the result of salary increases and costs associated with ambulance billing.

Overall, the changes made in the Public Safety Operations resulted in an increase of $21,252 or 1.62% The Fire Department is requesting an additional Firefighter/Paramedic to offset the decrease of volunteers and to insure 24/7 paramedic coverage. This request is presented in Article 5.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 7: Fire Department Request for additional Firefighter/Paramedic.

The last few years have seen a significant decrease in the number of volunteers primarily because of the number of hours required to maintain certification and the training regimen imposed by State law. With the decline in the number of volunteers it has become very difficult to maintain full service coverage. The costs for this additional Firefighter/Paramedic are anticipated to be $52,623 for a nine-month period ($71,835 for a 12 month period). These costs include:

Salary	$33,696
Uniforms	$2,000
Overtime	$2,000
Health/Dental	$10,013
Holidays	$2,652
Medicare	$539
Retirement	$5,723
Total	**$56,623**

This would reduce the call wages by $4,000 for a net cost of $52,623.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 8: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Public Works Operations".

The Public Works Operations include the following: Highway Administration, Highways & Streets, Buildings & Grounds, Street Lighting, Transfer Station Operations, Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring (Solid Waste) and the Sewer Department. The Public Works Department's budget not only includes the salaries and benefits for the staff, but it also contains the related costs for paving/ maintaining the roads, upkeep of buildings and grounds, the operations of the transfer station and sewer operations.

The largest increase in the Public Works Operations budget is a result of a need to implement a more aggressive paving and shimming schedule. Last year's schedule was interrupted by the spring storms and a major reduction in the department's 2007 budget. The longer roads go untreated the more it will cost to repair. The roads will need to be reclaimed and paved rather than the less expensive shim and pave process. Other operating costs within this department have been affected by the increases in the cost of petroleum-based products. Diesel fuel, heating oil, gasoline and asphalt costs have all risen dramatically.

Overall, the budget for the Public Works Department increased by $36,029 or 1.83%.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee reduced the Public Works Department by $16,000 during deliberations, ($6,000 from salaries for snow removal, $5,000 from highway equipment rental equipment for snow removal and $5,000 from Buildings and Grounds equipment rental). The Board recommends the reinstatement of the $16,000 to this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 9: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Health and Human Service Operations".

The Health and Human Services budget pays for the staff necessary to operate health and human services programs as well as the funds needed to support the welfare needs of the community.

Health and Human Service Operations include: Community Action Program (CAP), Human Services Administration and Welfare Vendors. The largest portion of the increase in this budget is a maintenance contract for a donated copy machine that is shared with the Recreation Department.

This year the CAP contribution has increased by 4.98% or $251. In 2007 the CAP payment of $5,027 resulted in $142,289.60 worth of services to eligible Hopkinton residents.

Overall, the Health and Human Service Operations budget increased $3,551 or 2.98%.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 10: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Recreational Operations".

Recreational Operations includes: Recreation Department, Patriotic Purposes and the Slusser Senior Center.

Major increases are caused by increased employee benefit costs and the inclusion of the operating expenses for our new Senior Center. Other modest increases are reflected in part-time staff salaries (lifeguards) in response to the federal increase in minimum wages. Because of the cost of oil there are increases in heating costs factored in.

The Slusser Senior Center is a new category and its costs are now included in the Recreation budget. These costs cover Program Instructors, telephone, heating fuel, electricity, propane for the stove and fireplace, sewer and water, dues/memberships and related office supplies. Total funds requested in this line are $33,127. This year's budget includes all operating expenses for the Slusser Senior Center.

Patriotic Purposes is for flags for veterans' graves, summer concerts, parade expenses, etc. Overall with the changes including the addition of the Slusser Senior Center resulted in a total increase of $23,382 or 18.45%.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee reduced this article by $17,900 during deliberations. The Budget Committee recommended these cuts come from the Summer Day Camp and the Patriotic Purposes lines of the budget. The Board recommends reinstating $17,500 for summer camp councilors and $400 for an additional summer concert.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 11: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Hopkinton Town Library".

In addition to a 3% cost of living increase for personnel. Other increases are .3% for electricity, .7% for materials, and .02% for maintenance supplies. Heating fuel and postage decreases result in .5% overall decrease.

Overall, changes made in Library Operations resulted in an increase of $4,529 or 1.68%.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

The Library Trustees requested an additional $6,275 to convert the 32 hour/week Reference Librarian position to full-time effective 4/1/08.

Article 12: This article addresses the annual operating expenses of the "Conservation Commission".

The Conservation Commission includes costs for environmental events, conservation camp, dues, etc.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee reduced this article by $840 during deliberations. The Budget Committee recommended these cuts come from scholarships for the 2 students. The Board recommends reinstating $840 to send 2 students to summer camp.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 13: This article addresses the payment of long-term interest and principal.

Principal – Bonds and Notes: Principal has a decrease due to the payoff of the library bond.

Interest – Bonds and Notes: Interest has a decrease due to the repayment of the library bond and the continued maturity of other bonds.

Overall, the changes in Principal and Interest resulted in a 21.41% decrease or $112,974.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 14: This article requests continuing appropriations to various Capital Reserve Accounts.

For many years the Town has maintained Capital Reserve Accounts to level the impact of major expenditures by putting aside monies annually. Below are described the accounts presently active:

Computer Hardware/Software Upgrades: This account was originally set up to guarantee that the town could maintain a current level of technical competence. Systems maintenance as well as anticipated hardware and software upgrades are included in this budget amount. All data-oriented Town technology expenses have been removed from the various departments and placed in this line item.

Amt. requested- $34,000 Current Bal.- $512

New Bal. (if approved) $34,512.

Sludge Removal: Funding for future sludge removal project- Sewerage Treatment Plant

Amt. Requested- $10,000 Current Bal.- $179

New Bal.- (if approved) $10,179

Fire Dept Vehicles and Equipment: Shows a slight decrease because the forestry truck cost less than expected.

Amt. requested- $60,000 Current Bal.- $112,248

New Bal.(if approved) $172,148

Public Works Vehicles and Equipment: Shows a slight increase because of the need for a new van for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Amt. Requested- $115,000 Current Bal.- $44,400

New Bal. (if approved) $159,400

Transfer Station Equipment: Remains at the same level to meet future equipment needs.

Amt. Requested- $27,500 Current Bal.- $11,283

New Bal. (if approved) $38,783

Police Cruisers and Accessories: Remains the same as last year and is for continued savings for new equipment.

Amt. Requested- $33,000 Current Bal.- $11,356

New Bal. (if approved) $44,356

Library Replacement Building System: Remains the same as last year and is for continued savings for eventual replacement of carpeting, HVAC/boiler, etc.

Amt. Requested- $12,000 Current Bal.- $38,783

New Bal. (if approved) $50,783

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 15: This article requests the establishment of a Police and Fire Radio Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (New Fund)

Over the past four years the police and fire departments have received radios through a federal program. It is anticipated that these radios will begin to need replacement in ten to twelve years. The projected costs are $70,000-$80,000. This fund is being established to offset this anticipated cost.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 16: This article requests continuing appropriations to various Maintenance Trust Fund Accounts.

Hopkinton Library Technology: Continued funding for the purchase of new and upgraded computer technology. The amount requested has been reduced by $3,100 from last year.

Amt. Requested- $5,500 Current Bal.- $4,144

New Bal. (if approved) $9,644

Town Facilities: Has been reduced from last year, funds to be used for repairs and improvements to the twenty-two (22) Town owned buildings. This includes such things as roof repairs, building painting, and other replacement articles and remains the same as last year.

Amt. Requested- $0 Current Bal.- $46,170

New Bal. (if approved) $43,170

Library Building/Grounds: Remains the same as last year, funds to be used for the exterior maintenance including painting.

Amt. Requested- $5,000 Current Bal.- $7,980

New Bal. (if approved) $12,980

Benefits Pay: To fund accrued benefits to be redeemed by those ceasing employment. This has been increased to offset withdrawals due to retirements.

Amt. Requested- $2,500 Current Bal.- $2,595

New Bal. (if approved) $5,095.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee reduced this article by $15,000 during deliberations. The Budget Committee recommended these cuts come from the Town Facilities Maintenance line of the budget. The Board recommends reinstating$15,000 for Town Facilities Maintenance.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 17: Reduction in Recycling Revolving Fund Contributions

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount of funds to be placed in the Recycling Revolving Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting to $1.00. Presently, we put $20,000/yr in the Recycling Revolving Fund. Webster, our partner at the Transfer Station, was supposed to be putting $4,000/yr in the fund. Due to an oversight this was not done. Webster has agreed to put in its required amount over the next five years while we put in $1.00 so that it will catch up.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 18: Plowing of Private Roads.

This article requests the Town fund snow removal in the interests of public safety on certain roads in the Town.

South Shore Drive	1500 feet
Ridge Lane	900 feet
Rolfe Pond Road	2000 feet
Salachar Road	500 feet
Perch Lane	700 feet
Sparrow Lane	1000 feet
Robin Lane	400 feet
Loop Road (off Spring St)	800 feet

This article has been presented and approved each year since at least 2002.

The estimated total of this article is $4,000.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Submitted by Petition

Article 19: Town Forests

Under RSA 31:110-113, Towns are allowed to establish Town Forests, authorize who shall manage them and how to expend any funds derived from the management of the forests. The Town currently owns thirteen (13) Town Forest lots that range in size from 9 to 11 acres. Income from timber harvests on some of those lots has been placed in a Town Forest Fund and used to help acquire additional conservation land and pay for forests management projects such as boundary surveys and maintenance, trail and footbridge construction, signs and other improvements.

Through efforts of the Town's Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission, the Town has acquired seven tracts of land during the past five years for conservation purposes. These tracts range in size from 10 acres to 210 acres. This article will designate those tracts as Town Forests to be managed by the Conservation Commission. All of the lots will be managed under the "Multiple Use" concept where consideration is given to timber production, wildlife habitat improvement, passive recreation, outdoor educational opportunities, watershed

protection and ecological preservation. As with the existing Town Forests lots, some of the tracts will tend to have a particular management focus based on the lots location and the physical features found within the lot.

This article is being proposed by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission.

Article 20: Rejection of Pledge Against State Taxes

This is a petitioned warrant article that seeks the support of the Town in asking the State Representatives, State Senator and the Governor to reject the "pledge" against no new taxes and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Submitted by Petition

Article 21:

This article is to hear the reports of agents, officers and committees, heretofore chosen and allow voters to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting. Items brought up for discussion can only be advisory or informational in nature. Any Item requesting the Town to raise and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

Administrative Summary

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Donald K. Lane.....Term Expires 2008
Peter M. Russell Term Expires 2008
George A. Langwasser, *Chairman* Term Expires 2009
Tom Congoran.....Term Expires 2010
Scott W. Flood Term Expires 2010

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Jane Bradstreet Term Expires 2008
Barbara Unger.....Term Expires 2008
David Lancaster Term Expires 2009
Danny Coen Term Expires 2010
Patrice Gerseny.....Term Expires 2010
Karen Irwin, *Chairman* Term Expires 2010
Tom Congoran.....Selectmen's Rep
Thomas O'Donnell Hopkinton Precinct Rep
Robert Carpenter Contoocook Precinct Rep
Joy Bloomfield.....School Board Rep

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Susan Adams Term Expires 2008
Sara McNeil, *Chairman*.....Term Expires 2009
Patricia A. Smith Term Expires 2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Christine Hamm Term Expires 2008
Donna Dunlop Term Expires 2008
Peter Gagnon Term Expires 2009
George Chase, *Chairman*.....Term Expires 2010
Holly Gagne Term Expires 2010

MODERATOR:

Gary Richardson Term Expires 2008

PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS:

Hopkinton

Craig Dunning, *Chairman* Term Expires 2008
Peter Gagnon Term Expires 2009
Kim Lajoie Term Expires 2010

Contoocook

William Chapin Term Expires 2008
Robert Carpenter, *Chairman* Term Expires 2009
Mark Hemmerlein Term Expires 2010

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT:

David P. Currier, Henniker
Barbara C. French, Henniker
Christine C. Hamm, Hopkinton
Gary Richardson, Hopkinton
Derek Owen, Hopkinton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:

Sharon C. Baker.....Term Expires 2008
Carol McCann Term Expires 2010
Sandra J. Smart Term Expires 2012

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Sue Strickford.....Term Expires 2010

TREASURER:

Bonita Cressy Term Expires 2008

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:

Carolyn Hackwell.....Term Expires 2008
Christopher Lawless Term Expires 2009
Richard Gourley, *Chairman*.....Term Expires 2010

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Donald K. Lane Term Expires 2008
Peter M. Russell Term Expires 2008
George A. Langwasser Term Expires 2009
Tom Congoran Term Expires 2010
Scott Flood Term Expires 2010
Robert Veloski.....Interim Health Officer

CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Clarke Kidder

CNHRPC/REGIONAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Ronald Klemarczyk
Todd Aubertin

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Nini Allen
Roger Bloomfield
Edward Kaplan
Rob Morse
Peter Power
Robert York
John Barthelmes
Beverly Johnson
Pamela McDonald
Robert Nadeau
Richard Schoch

CONCORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE RESOURCE RECOVERY CO-OP:

Hopkinton Representatives -

Leland Wilder Term Expires 2009
Stephen Clough, *Alternate*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Derek Owen, *Chairman* Term Expires 2008
Tim White Term Expires 2008
Erick Leadbeater Term Expires 2009
Jed Merrow Term Expires 2009
Leland Wilder Term Expires 2009
Todd Aubertin Term Expires 2010
Ronald Klemarczyk Term Expires 2010
Byron Carr Alternate

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS:

Christopher Boudette
Kevin Culpon
Ryan Hughes
John Pianka
Erik Thomas
Matthew Cox
Christopher Gow
Nate Martel
Richard Schaefer
Sean Weldon

DEPUTY TREASURER Barbara Boatwright

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Mark Bates Term Expires 2008
Cettie Connolly, *Co-Chairman*.....Term Expires 2008
Vacant.....Term Expires 2008
Robert Houston Term Expires 2008
Christopher Lawless Term Expires 2008
Bruce Ellsworth Term Expires 2009
John Herrick.....Term Expires 2009
Judy Hampe, *Co-Chairman*.....Term Expires 2010
Susan Leadbeater Term Expires 2010
Glen Ohlund Term Expires 2010
Scott Flood, *Selectmen's Rep* Term Expires 2010

EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR Stephen Pecora

FENCE VIEWERS:

Richard Drescher
Richard Strickford

FIRE CHIEF Richard Schaefer

FIREWARDS:

Tom Krzyzaniak
Robert White

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Robert White

GREENER HOPKINTON COMMITTEE:

Brian Bickford	Byron Carr
Carol & Jim Cleary	Susan Covert
Karla Heck	Liane Kerbyson
Corinne Lajoie	Don Lane
Mary Leadbeater	Bethann McCarthy
Cass Mellen	Jim O'Brien
Jack Ruderman	David Salzberg
Erin Thesing	Janet Ward

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

William Chapin	Term Expires 2008
Ronald Klemarczyk	Term Expires 2008
Don Lane, *Selectmen's Rep*	Term Expires 2008
Bryan Pellerin	Term Expires 2008
Dijit Taylor	Term Expires 2008
Susan Zankel	Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD:

Celeste Hemingson	Term Expires 2008
Edwin Taylor, *Alternate*	Term Expires 2008
Cettie Connolly, *Alternate*	Term Expires 2008
Jane Bradstreet	Term Expires 2009
Bruce Ellsworth, *Chairman*	Term Expires 2009
Clarke Kidder, *Alternate*	Term Expires 2009
Beth Ann McCarthy	Term Expires 2009
Timothy Britain, *Vice Chairman*	Term Expires 2010
Scott Flood, *Selectmen's Rep*	Term Expires 2010
Michael Wilkey	Term Expires 2010

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Dan Rinden Term Expires 2008
Vacant Term Expires 2008
Vacant Term Expires 2008
Vernon Miller Term Expires 2009
Lillian Landry Term Expires 2009
Jim Martin Term Expires 2010
Louise Carr, *Chairman* Term Expires 2010
Valerie Carr Term Expires 2010
Justin La Vigne Recreation Director

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

Don Lane, *Selectmen's Rep* Term Expires 2008
Katherine Mitchell, *Co-Chairman* Term Expires 2008
Bob LaPree Term Expires 2008
David Lancaster Term Expires 2009
Christopher Lawless Term Expires 2009
Mary Leadbeater Term Expires 2009
Deborah Augustine, *Co-Chairman* Term Expires 2010
Liane Kerbyson Term Expires 2010
Steven Clough Town Representative
Sally Embley Webster Representative
Betsy Janeway Webster Representative
Mary Jo MacGowan Webster Representative

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Scott Coen Term Expires 2008
David Lancaster Term Expires 2008
Robert Wells Term Expires 2008
Donald Houston Term Expires 2009
Shad Wilson Term Expires 2009
Mark Bates, *Chairman* Term Expires 2010
Lawrence Keniston Term Expires 2010

SEWER COMMITTEE:

Richard Drescher.....Term Expires 2008
Stuart Nelson Term Expires 2008
William Chapin Term Expires 2009
Peter Russell, *Selectmen's Rep*.....Term Expires 2009
Richard Strickford.....Term Expires 2010
Steve Clough.....MSW Representative

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND TIMBER:

Ron Klemarczyk
John Herrick

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION:

David White Term Expires 2009

TREE WARDEN David Story

WEIGHER Roger Andrus

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Toni Gray.....Term Expires 2008
Charles Koontz.....Term Expires 2008
Richard Hesse, *Alternate*.....Term Expires 2008
William Horsfall, *Alternate*.....Term Expires 2008
Carolyn Hackwell Term Expires 2009
Janet Krzyzaniak, *Chairman* Term Expires 2009
Harold Perkins, *Alternate*.....Term Expires 2009
John Boatwright.....Term Expires 2010

Department	*Position*
Fire Department	
Matthew Cox	FF/EMT I
Kevin Culpon	Lieutenant/FF/Paramedic
Christopher Gow	FF/EMT I
Ryan Hughes	FF/Paramedic
Nate Martel	FF/Paramedic
John Pianka	Deputy Chief-FF/EMT
Human Services	
Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw	Human Services Director
Library	
Elissa Barr	Reference Librarian
Jeffrey Bean	Custodian
Karen Dixon	Reference Librarian
Bernice Dustin	Reference Librarian
Patrice Gerseny	Library Aide II
Elizabeth Levy	Library Director
Leigh Maynard	Children's Librarian
Sara Metheany	Library Aide I
Nancy Raymond	Library Aide I
Parks & Recreation	
Justin La Vigne	Recreation Director
Planning and Zoning	
Karen Robertson	Planning Director
Police Department	
Robert Arseneault	Corporal
Ernest Beaulieu	Patrolman I
Rory Bohanan	Patrolman II
Christopher Day	Patrolman II
Frederick Finnerty	Animal Control Officer (Part-time)

Department	*Position*
Police Department *(continued)*	
Patricia Finnerty	Secretary (Part-time)
Thomas Hennessey	Patrolman II
Lawrence Hilton	Patrolman I
Steve Pecora	Lieutenant
William Simpson	Sergeant
David Wheeler	Police Chief (Part-time)
Public Works – Buildings & Grounds	
Vacant	Asst. Supt. PW-Bldgs. & Grnds.
Garrett Hoyt	Bldg. Maint./Equip.Operator I
David Story	Equipment Operator I (Part-time)
Public Works - Highway	
Kent Barton	Mechanic
Daniel Blanchette	Equipment Operator II
Harold Blanchette	Superintendent PW
Brian Cayer	Equipment Operator II
Mike Henley	Equipment Operator II
Robert McCabe	Asst. Supt. PW - Highway
Ken Miller	Equipment Operator I
Adam Pearson	Equipment Operator I (Part-time)
John Poole	Equipment Operator I
Public Works - Wastewater	
Stephen Clough	Asst. Supt. PW-Waste
Robert Davis	MSW Facility Supervisor
Lindsay Emerson	MSW Equip Attendant (Part-time)
Harrison Harb	MSW Equip Attendant (Part-time)
Jason Silver	MSW Equip Attendant (Part-time)
Jolene Sittig	MSW Facility Operator

Department	*Position*
Selectmen's Office	
Robert Blanchette	Financial Director
Nancy Skeldon	Executive Secretary
Robert Veloski	Interim Town Administrator
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office	
Sandra Babson	Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk
Carol Harless	Assistant Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –
Meets every Monday evening beginning at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted.

BUDGET COMMITTEE –
Meets as needed at the Town Hall; the date and time are posted 2 weeks in advance.

CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES –
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the basement of the Town Clerk's Office, May – November.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION –
Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Kimball Lake Cabins, unless otherwise posted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

GREENER HOPKINTON COMMITTEE –
Meets monthly at the Library; the date and time is posted a week in advance.

HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT PLANNING BOARD -
Meets monthly, as needed at the Town Hall.

HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS –
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –
Meets quarterly; the date and time will be posted a week ahead of time.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES –
Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Library History Room.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE –
Meets monthly as needed at the Slusser Senior Center; the date and time will be posted in advance.

***PLANNING BOARD* –**
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

RECREATION COMMITTEE –
Meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE –
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Library.

ROAD COMMITTEE –
Meets as needed; the date and time are posted a week in advance.

SEWER COMMITTEE –
Meets as needed; the date and time are posted a week in advance.

SLUSSER SENIOR CENTER PLANNING COMMITTEE –
Meets as needed at the Slusser Senior Center; the date and time are posted a week in advance.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST –
Meets as needed prior to elections at the Town Clerk's Office.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
Meets as needed at the Town Hall; the date and time are posted in advance.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT –
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Please check the Town website at www.hopkinton-nh.gov for a schedule of all meetings.

Hours of Town Offices
Town of Hopkinton Website • www.hopkinton-nh.gov

Selectmen's Office
Town Hall, 330 Main Street
Monday –Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Phone: 746-3170
Fax: 746-2952
Email: selectmen@tds.net

Planning/Zoning Department
Town Hall, 330 Main Street
Phone: 746-4487
Fax: 746-2952
Email: planzone@tds.net

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office
846 Main Street
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Phone: 746-3179
Phone: 746-3180
Fax: 746-4011
Email: hoptownclerk@tds.net
hoptaxcollector@tds.net

Hopkinton Highway Department
250 Public Works Road
Phone: 746-5118
Fax: 746-2952
Email: publicworks@tds.net

Human Services Department
Columbia Hall, 14 Maple Street
Monday –Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Phone: 746-5729
Phone: 746-3170
Fax: 746-2260
Email: humanservices@tds.net

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill
491 East Penacook Road
Phone: 746-3810
Fax: 746-2952
Email: waterworks@@tds.net

Transfer Station Hours

Monday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hopkinton Town Library
161 Houston Drive
Phone: 746-3663
Fax: 746-6799
Web: www.hopkintontownlibrary.org
Email: info@hopkintontownlibrary.org

Library Hours

Sunday	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM*
Tuesday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*September through May

Police Department
1696 Hopkinton Road
Non-Emergency: 746-5151
24 hour: 746-4141
Fax: 746-4166
Emergency: 911
Email: policeadmin@tds.net

Fire Department
9 Pine Street, 110 Main Street
Non Emergency: 746-3181
Fax: 746-5134
Emergency: 911
Email: fire.department@@tds.net

Recreation Department
Columbia Hall, 14 Maple Street
Contoocook 03229
Phone: 746-2915
Fax: 746-2277
Email: parkrec@tds.net

Departmental Reports

During 2007, the Fire Department responded to 1136 calls. A breakdown of these calls follows this report. We had two motor vehicle fatalities and 718 medical calls.

Many times this year we had emergency calls that were called to our station, PLEASE CALL 911. 911 has caller ID, they verify your location, we cannot and the station is not manned 24/7, also we can be on another call and be away from the station further delaying the call. 911 dispatchers will direct your call to the proper agency. If you have any questions or are inquiring about a burning permit please call the station at 746-3181. Fulltime hours are Friday 6:00AM to Monday 6:00 PM and Tuesday – Thursday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There are two fulltime firefighters working each shift at the Contoocook Station. Our very dedicated and competent call staff handles all other times, when we use our second ambulance and all of the fire calls. Any emergencies or service calls PLEASE USE 911.

This year I am asking for your support to hire another fulltime firefighter/ paramedic. This year the department lost 6 people on the ambulance call list, some moved away and some got off the schedule, this has put a great demand on our current call staff. Some people have been on the schedule twice during the week; normally it is once a week and I have got help from another town. Some people did get back on, but this is only temporary. Hiring another paramedic will allow us to have a paramedic on 24/7 and continue to have our call crew on Monday- Thursday. Please support this life saving warrant article. Hopkinton residents need, want and deserve emergency medical care to be available 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

This year we sold our 1967 Jeep forestry unit, it work well but at 40 years old it was time. The department purchased a 2002 Ford 4x4 1 ton chassis. This purchase saved the town over $22,000. Tom Krzyzaniak donated his expertise and time to paint the cab, frame and wheels. Chris Boudette ordered the pump, tank, emergency lights, winch and other equipment. A special thank you to Kent Barton, the Town Mechanic, who assembled all the equipment, fabricated the front bumper with winch and installed all emergency lights. This saved over $12,000 by having this done in house rather than having it done at a vendor. THANKS, KEN, TOM and CHRIS. This is an excellent piece of equipment.

The Fire Department is currently looking for call firefighters and EMS people. We are looking for people that can give their time, preferably during the

day time which is our greatest need. To become a firefighter you must attend the fire academy in Concord two nights a week and a few all day Saturdays for a total of 192 hours. Emergency medical training is 150 hours and you must live close to a fire station to be on the call list. The department pays for tuition. We need YOUR time. Please If you have any interest in this vital community service, talk to any call firefighter/ E.M.S. person or stop at the station. I believe it will be the toughest job you have ever loved to do.

Please go to the Towns web site www.hopkinton-nh.gov click Town government, click Fire & Emergency Medical Services. You will find a lot of information about the department.

We continue to have a problem with houses not being properly numbered. Please have your home numbered on BOTH sides of your mailbox or signpost with reflective numbers, especially if your house cannot be seen from the road. Remember if we cannot find you, we cannot HELP you.

I would like to thank the Selectmen, Police Department, Highway Department, Rescue Squad, Water Precincts and of course, The Hopkinton Fire Department personnel for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Schaefer, Chief

Hopkinton Fire Department







Hopkinton Fire Department Calls for the Year 2007

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS 1136

Medical Aid Calls (including 136 motor vehicle accidents) 718
Fire Alarm Activations 52
Brush and Non permit burns 3
Service Calls/Assist Public/Good Intent Call 199
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activations 3
Power lines Down / Tree on Wires 29
Fuel Leaks 9
Cover Trucks 8
Chimney Fires 15
Structure Fires 14
Mutual aid received 22
Other Fires 4
Vehicle Fires 5
Hazard Conditions (no fire) 21
Paramedic Intercepts 27
Drills 7





While over the past seventeen (17) years, Hopkinton has enforced the State Fire Code which includes among other codes the Life Safety Code and Fire Prevent Code, the year 2007 was the first year the Town of Hopkinton started enforcing the State Building Codes. The State Building Codes include the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation Code and the National Electrical Code.

Some of the components of Code Enforcement include reviewing and verifying construction documents and plans associated with building permit applications, inspecting footings, foundations, interior and exterior walls, stairs, windows, electrical systems, plumbing systems and mechanical systems, and issuance of Certificates of Occupancy when work is completed and in compliance. As Fire Inspector for the last seventeen years the Selectmen have given me the responsibility to exercise my judgment in determining code compliance. I have not taken this responsibility lightly. During the past two years I spent hundreds of hours in training, taking specialty courses and becoming a member of the New Hampshire Building Official Association to keep up with new standards.

It is my intention to be accommodating to the builders and contractors so they can complete their projects in a timely manner. I think my inspections have been a lesson for them as well as myself.

It's been a busy year conducting inspections, writing reports, scheduling and inspecting construction. At times, the inspections with contractors have had to be conducted either on my scheduled day-off or during vacation time - because that's what it takes to get the job done.

I understand that some home owners object to enforcement of the Building Codes and State Fire Codes and feel it is excessive government oversight into what they do in their own home. I can agree with this up to the point when safety is not an issue. However, if home owners are going to do their own major construction, electrical or other mechanical systems, it must be done correctly and safe. I have conducted home inspections where the owner had done a nice job and some did not, which resulted in a failed inspection. I don't think that some home owners realize that by not correctly doing electrical work this could result in a hazard to one's self or their family.

As a seventeen (17) year employee of the Town of Hopkinton, I have always considered myself a servant of the Town and dedicated myself to giving the maximum effort.

The following is a report of activities:

Building Inspection	199
Life Safety (Fire Codes)	70
Emergency responses	74
Service Calls (Non emergency)	18
Maint. (Vehicles)	12
Meeting (Duty Shift)	41
Fire Investigations	4
Class (Instructions)	17
Training (attended)	18
Misc	15

This does not include administrative duties, responses during off hours and other duties assigned by the Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

John Pianka, Deputy Chief
Hopkinton Fire Department – Code Enforcement

Hopkinton Forest Fire Warden
2007 Annual Report

I am pleased to report that during 2007 in spite of the extremely dry weather during the summer, Hopkinton only experienced two brush fire calls. This is the lowest number of calls that I can ever remember, and I would like to personally thank the citizens of the town for taking the extra precautions and obeying the outdoor burning policies. I am also pleased to report that after 40 years of service our 1967 jeep forestry vehicle has been replaced with a 2002 Ford 350 truck. Thanks to the hard work of Chris Boudette, Tom Krzyzaniak, and Kent Barton, who located this used truck and were able to acquire it at a reasonable price. And, for their countless hours and personal expertise used to convert the truck into our new forestry vehicle, thousands of tax dollars were saved.

I would like to welcome three new Deputy Wardens for the town of Hopkinton. Deputy Wardens Sean Weldon, Chris Boudette and Chris Gow are now trained and ready to assist the members of the town in obtaining burning permits and answering any questions you might have about burning. A reminder to all, those outdoor self-contained fire pits that have become so popular over the past few years are of concern to us. As a matter of safety for all, the town does require them to be inspected and permitted for seasonal use. Call the Fire Department if you are considering installing one in your yard and they will assist you in the permitting process and set up an inspection at your convenience.

The Hopkinton Fire Department and the State Forest Division wants to remind you that **any and all outdoor fires need a burning permit.** Burning permits are available at the Contoocook Fire Station between the hours of seven a.m. and six p.m. daily (Telephone 746-3181). If no one is there to take your call, please remember that our firefighters might be on a call or responding to an emergency situation, please leave a message and someone will call you back when they return to the fire station. Fire permits in the town of Hopkinton will be issued for burning after five p.m. and only on days when the fire danger is low, (Class 1 or 2 days as determined by the State Forest Division), or while it is raining during the day. During the winter months, when the ground is completely snow covered, permits will not be required, however we do request you call the Hopkinton Fire Department and let them know your intentions. Needless to say, if a fire call goes out from a concerned citizen the trucks will respond. One simple phone call and good communication between the Fire Department and the citizens will insure that this does not happen, and will save the town money.

If you still have questions about the burning policies there is a very informative pamphlet put out by the state and it is available to you at the Contoocook Fire Station. Please do not hesitate to stop by and pick one up.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob White
Hopkinton Forest Fire Warden

This office operates as mandated by state law RSA 165:1. Pursuant to law, citizens of our community are assisted and served or as law states "relieved and maintained". The method of service is governed by the need presented. Each need and family situation reveals its unique problems and difficulties. Whether it is direct financial assistance to meet a basic need, help with budgeting, paper work or understanding and navigating the fragmented Social Services of New Hampshire, it is the responsibility of this office to perform these duties.

The mission of this office is to enable individuals and families who find themselves in difficult situations to return to functioning as vital members of our society without relinquishing their dignity. The ultimate goal is to render assistance in a professional manner at the lowest cost to the town taxpayers. Financial assistance is rendered in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the selectmen and governed by state law. By law there is no limit to the amount of assistance that may be granted to any one household. Nor is there any stipulation controlling the type of assistance that may be expended. Ultimately, assistance may vary from one time food or prescription assistance to many months of shelter costs or on-going medical costs, depending on the need presented and the requirement of the guidelines. Reimbursement is requested and clients sign an agreement to do so if they become financially able.

2007 was the first full year of the Medicare Part D Plans. Unfortunately many beneficiaries met the coverage gap in their respective plans. That is, they received no coverage for the next $3,000 in prescription drugs they purchased, but continued to pay their monthly premiums. This resulted in a scramble by social service agencies, such as ours, to try and find free and or reduced cost drugs for these people when possible and to guide them through the process.

The issue of homelessness and its threat brought about by various reasons such as the loss of a job, loss of a spouse through death or divorce, illness of parent and/or child, a balloon mortgage, increased property taxes and the lack of affordable housing is reflected in the high housing expenditure for 2007.

The breakdown for 2007 expenditures is as follows:

Food	$ 7,922.58 *
Housing	$ 30,127.12
Fuel	$ 7,579.83 **
Medical	$ 4,894.83
Misc.	$ 6,110.82
TOTAL	**$ 56,635.18**

**Individual food vouchers beyond food pantry distribution*

*** This figure does not reflect the $42,627.12 in federal fuel assistance allocated to clients in the town.*

Sixty three households received direct financial assistance and an additional 150 households were assisted by other means. Support and guidance was provided to over 100 households with Medicare and/or Medicaid issues. These figures do not reflect supplemental sources such as service organizations and private donations. An additional $1,880.00 in donations has been received for fuel expenses and special needs for 2007 and 2008. Thank you to all who contributed.

The push continues for community based services. The Town of Hopkinton is fortunate to have many well established services that are vital resources in our Town. Two of these services this department relies upon for support are Hopkinton Food Pantry and Hopkinton Dial-a-Ride. The well established Food Pantry is supported by the Capital Food Program, Government Surplus Foods, NH Food Bank and many local contributors including schools, churches, organizations, business and individuals. Tammy Saltmarsh, the Food Pantry Coordinator provides endless energy, organization skills and just plain hard work to make this project a great success. Special thanks to Tammy for all her hours of community service and her dedicated volunteers for another successful year. Thank you to all who contribute either as volunteers or through donations of food, money, produce or sundries. The second service, Dial-a-Ride, provides rides to senior citizens for food shopping, errands and appointments. Dial-a-ride can be reached at 746-4357.

The great news for 2007 was the opening of the Slusser Senior Center. Thanks to Anne & Gene Slusser, long term residents and benefactors to the Town of Hopkinton. The creation of the Slusser Senior Center has literally opened the door to bringing additional social services, health programs, recreational and entertainment programs to Hopkinton. Already we have formed a great partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association of Concord, who have provided services, educational programs and health clinics for us. We expect to expand our services in accordance with the needs and desires of our senior citizen population. Thank you Gene and Anne for the wonderful gift. The building also provides a beautiful, functional new home for the Recreation Department, Human Services Department, Dial-A-Ride and in the near future the Hopkinton Food Pantry.

Operation Christmas was again a great success. Eighty households received holiday food boxes and 70 households received additional holiday gifts. On behalf of all the recipients, sincere appreciation is sent to all who graciously gave of their time, money and energy.

No person should be without food, shelter or medical attention in our community. Please do not hesitate to make referrals or inquiries. All information is confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw
Human Services Director

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."
Henry Ward Beecher

Each year, the Hopkinton Town Library grows in both services and usage. Circulation remained strong in 2007 and other service areas grew phenomenally. The number of children involved in Library programs increased 21%. Circulation of DVDs, CDs, books on CD, and downloadable e-audio books increased 26%. The Library served as a commons for 599 community events. Groups such as Greener Hopkinton, Easy Riders 4-H, Snomads, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Recycling Committee, Spinners, Rotary, and Concord Coach used Library meeting rooms in December. Rooms were also used by the Library for story times, adult programs, and meetings.

We said goodbye to Children's Librarian, Elissa Barr and welcomed Leigh Maynard as the new Children's Librarian. Elissa continued to work with us as a Reference Librarian through the end of the year when she and her family traveled to England for six months. We will miss Elissa and look forward to her return to the community. Leigh has worked as a substitute at the Library for several years and we were excited to have her accept a new role as Children's Librarian. Leigh has a degree in Elementary Education and worked in the Hopkinton schools for several years before joining the Library staff. Her joyful enthusiasm has brought new energy to our work.

Reading Road Trip USA, this year's Summer Reading Program, planned and coordinated by Elissa Barr and Nancy Raymond, presented many enjoyable and informative children's programs. Attendees joined Steve Blunt, Martha Dana, and Peter Boie who entertained with music, puppetry and magic, and Mary Doan who brought a dog rescued from New Orleans. Once again, the program ended with an ice cream social. Participating children read over 1,400 books during the 6-week session and over 600 children attended the programs.

During Hopkinton READS! 2007 community members read Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants.* Programs included *Freak Shows - A Social History of a Delicate Subject; Roustabout to Ringling: Wild and True Stories from 40 Years in the Circus*; *Animals and the Invitation to Ethics*; *Down and Out in America*; *Family Circus & Craft Day!* with juggler Rick Davis and artists Audrey Gardner and J. Spahr; and 2 book discussions led by Library Trustee, Christine Hamm. Committee members Susan Burns, Janet DeVito, Audrey Gardner, Tom Meehan, and Pat Gruttemeyer, did a great job planning, coordinating, and implementing the many details that made Hopkinton READS! such a success.

Reference Librarian, Karen Dixon, helps locate and interpret library resources, provides training and classes in the use of computers and the Internet, and makes sure you receive Interlibrary Loans as requested. Use of the Interlibrary Loan Service increased 25% in 2007 and over 66% since 2003. Karen also coordinates the Words on Wheels program that delivers library materials to community members who are temporarily or permanently unable to leave their home.

Library Aide II, Patti Gerseny and Karen Dixon have been the implementers of the AmLib automation system that controls circulation of all Library materials and the card catalog you use in the Library and remotely. They have worked tirelessly with good humor to clear up the many small details involved in changing automation systems.

Once again we thank the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation. The Library's operating budget, adopted annually by voters, provides for the Library's basic needs. But the Foundation purchases additional resources that add immensely to the high quality of our Library. The Foundation's purpose is to supplement, rather than supplant tax dollars. This past year it accomplished this through the purchase of a downloadable electronic audio book collection for adults and children, development of the children's non-fiction collection, and support of the Summer Reading Program. The Foundation continues to support development of the DVD, books on CD and reference collections as well as *Library Ink*, Hopkinton READS!, and other Library programs.

The Hopkinton Town Library could not survive without its volunteers! Rosemary Dougal led the team of about 25 people who spent more than 715 hours shelving the over 70,000 items that circulated last year. Sarah Coen's team of book repair experts contributed over 107 hours mending damaged books so they could circulate a few more times. Rosemary spent an additional 67 hours putting protective covers on new books. Sue Drescher, Jane and Bob Lewellen, Joyce and Bob Ahern, Annie Frye and others keep our gardens looking beautiful. Pat Gruttemeyer does the design and layout *Library Ink*. Many others help by consulting, program planning, or serving on a committee. Thanks to Patti Gerseny for setting up a system to track volunteer hours.

Many Library volunteers are members of the Friends of the Library, a library support group that helps in many ways. The Friends run the annual Library Book Sale, coordinate a series of cultural programs, help fund the children's Summer Reading Program, give the Library passes to the Currier Gallery of Art, Canterbury Shaker Village, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, the Museum of NH History, and the Mt. Kearsage Indian Museum all of which can be checked out with your Library card.

We welcome warmly our new neighbor, the Slusser Senior Center, and look forward to working with them this year and in years to come.

Thanks so much to all who contribute to the library and its well-being. Thanks to Elissa, Jeff, Karen, Leigh, Missy, Nancy, Patti, and Sally, the library staff. Each brings a special warmth, expertise, and enthusiasm to their work and together they provide a welcoming, knowledgeable resource for all who come to the Library. Thanks also to the Library Board of Trustees for their commitment and clear guidance, the Friends of the Library for their support, and to the Foundation without which we wouldn't be able to offer the breadth of materials and services currently available. Special thanks goes to George Chase, our Board Chair, for his wonderful work this year and for his many years of service to the Library. Thanks to Don Lane, Don Houston, and John Boatwright for their help with planning pathways outside the Library. Thanks to Town departments and Selectmen, and, of course, to community members – each of you helps make the Hopkinton Town Library the great place that it is.

Visit the Library website at *www.hopkintontownlibrary.org* where you will also be able to search the library's online card catalog, reserve or renew an item, check out the Community Room calendar, download e-audiobooks, find program information, read the library newsletter, and link to other helpful sites.

Thank you for your support this past year. We look forward to seeing you in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Levy, *Library Director*

Library Staff

Elissa Barr, *Reference Librarian*
Jeffrey Bean, *Custodian*
Karen Dixon, *Reference Librarian*
Bernice Dustin, *Reference Librarian*
Patrice Gerseny, *Library Aide II*
Elizabeth Levy, *Library Director*
Leigh Maynard, *Children's Librarian*
Sara Metheany, *Library Aide I*
Nancy Raymond, *Library Aide I*

Hopkinton Town Library
Circulation Statistics for 2007

Category	*Adult*	*Juvenile*	*Totals*
Fiction	17,027	21,069	38,096
Non-fiction	7,216	3,529	10,745
Audio/Video	11,651	6,066	17,717
Periodicals	2,002		2,002
Inter-Library Loans	1,635	_____	1,635
Totals	**39,531**	**30,664**	**70,195**

Collection

January 1, 2007	32,338
Items Added	3,193
Items Deleted	2,110
December 31, 2007	33,644

It is a pleasure to report to the residents of Contoocook and Hopkinton about our Library which is truly a treasured resource for us all. As a matter of fact several of our neighbors from Warner and Henniker and some other towns are equally impressed with the services the Library offers and willingly purchase non-resident cards. We can be proud of this.

As stated in the most recent issue of *Library Ink*, the trustees appreciate and need thoughtful input from all library users in order to maintain the building and grounds in excellent condition and to provide the services and programs which people desire. During the past year several individuals have communicated their thoughts either in person or by picking up surveys when at the Library. It should be emphasized that the entirety of almost all trustee meetings are open to the public and the minutes of these meetings are readily available at the Library. We are particularly indebted to Herb and Marian French who have supported the project of replacing the pavers at the front of the building. Come spring, as soon as the deteriorating pavers can be removed and the new granite pavers from Swenson Granite can be laid, the Library should take on a fresh and attractive look. The hand rails along paths from the Slusser Senior Center, as well as one from the further parking area near the service door ramp and leading up the driveway to the front door, should make winter foot travel much safer as well as being helpful in all seasons. Thanks to those who have suggested these improvements and special thanks to Merle Dustin for calling attention to doors and windows which have now been made more air-tight. It is community interest in the Library which keeps it functioning as it should and it is the rapid response of people like Woody Roberts in times of emergency which is a comfort to the staff.

Last year at this time the trustees anticipated a continuation of the growth in use of Library services. It turns out that this did happen in use of Library meeting rooms, circulation of books on CD and DVDs, and the Interlibrary Loan service. There seems to be a shift to more internet use with requests for more and faster computers. There has also been a call for more books on CD. An increase in children's story time attendance and the number of new library card holders are additional signs that we remain on the right course.

Of course it is not only books that make a library important, although books do lead to wonderful programs such as those planned by the Hopkinton READS! Committee. There are exhibits of art and of crafts in the display case and, in the Community Room, there were a number of fine lectures, a dance

or two, and an interesting presentation by Kim Harris and refugees now being helped to reestablish their lives. Many of these activities are made possible with the support of the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation and depend on the voluntary effort and planning of the Friends of the Library. We are all beneficiaries of so much that our neighbors do to enrich our lives by expending time and energy. Probably the best way we can possibly thank them is to join in and attend the programs as often as we can.

The Trustees know, as you do, that we are fortunate beyond words to have a Library Director and a staff who are extraordinarily capable and forever patient and helpful. Please make a point of using the Library as often as you can and, if possible, introduce someone new to this resource in our town. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

George Chase, *Chairman*
Donna Dunlop
Holly Gagne
Peter Gagnon
Christine Hamm

Balance brought forward		$ 58,257.14
Revenues		
Trust Funds	$ 12,088.10	
Gifts/memorials	$ 5,920.00	
Interest	$ 1060.71	
"Misc. (Fines, copier, book sales, etc.)	$ 8413.93	
Sub-total		$ 27,482.74
Expenditures		
Revenue to Town of Hopkinton	$ 15,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds	$ 10,500.00	
Misc.	$ 126.24	
Programs	$ 422.51	
Postage	$ 189.79	
Sub-Total		$ 26,238.54
Ending Balance		**$ 59,501.34**

2007 was a year of marked progression for the Hopkinton Police Department. The dedicated employees of this agency continued to provide our community with 24 hour a day police protection, 7 days a week for yet another eventful year in the town's history. The officers of Hopkinton Police Department persist in performing at a high level, and the result was a positive year in maintaining a much safer community compared to other towns of similar size.

The unique attributes that help make Hopkinton such a desirable place to live have also been exposed to an increase in several crime statistics. The number of calls for service totaled 1,496 in 2007. Though the overall numbers were up, many key areas the Department focuses on remained static.

The number of arrests also reached an all time high, rising 49 percent over the previous year. Many of these arrests are initiated by our officers on patrol as they work diligently to enforce the law. A large number of our arrests are motor vehicle related, and are indicative of our commitment to remove unlawful and dangerous drivers from the road. Many of these arrests have resulted in large quantities of drugs being confiscated as well as deterring additional illegal activity.

Our patrol function has typically targeted burglary as a crime that we can reduce by being more visible throughout the community. This includes neighborhood patrols during the day and a continued police presence throughout the night. Such an approach has been instrumental in maintaining our low burglary rate and the avoidance of higher levels of additional crimes such as vandalism, theft, and other public order crimes.

Our Police motorcycle program was utilized more than ever, patrolling over 2,100 miles and addressing neighborhood traffic concerns as well as highway patrol, an effort that not only works to reduce traffic accidents, but also greatly reduces the department's consumption of fuel. The department as a whole made over 5,600 motor vehicle stops in 2007, while making 217 full custody arrests.

Throughout the year we intensified our traffic enforcement efforts along Route 202/9, an area that historically has been plagued with serious crashes. In May the New Hampshire Department of Transportation installed rumble strips in the pavement, both along the edges as well as the center line in an effort to keep motorists within their travel lane. Although the noise created when vehicles cross over the rumble strips has generated a certain annoyance, their effectiveness has been remarkable. Since May there has been only three minor

traffic crashes along this roadway, none of which involved vehicles crossing into the oncoming lane.

While we are no longer able to assign an officer specifically to our schools, we have found a continued increase in the schools requests for police assistance. In an effort to assure a high level of safety in the schools we work to supply a variety of services to our children. Over the past year we put forth a great effort to provide programs to the students on multiple topics.

2007 also brought to a close to Officer Larry Hilton's career with our department. After some 20 years working as a part-time police officer, 17 with the town of Hopkinton, Officer Hilton retired in December. Larry was an essential component of our department and his presence in law enforcement will be greatly missed.

We are always looking for new and better ways to deliver a high level of police service to Hopkinton. Successful policing involves a partnership between the community and the police department. The eyes and ears of our citizens, when committed to working with the police, create the best opportunity to maintain the rare aspects that help define Hopkinton. We continue to strongly encourage citizens to report suspicious or unsafe activity throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Police Department

David M. Wheeler
Chief of Police

Criminal Offenses & Arrests	*2005*	*2006*	*2007*
All Other Offenses	573	679	793
Assault	21	28	25
Bad Checks	4	27	19
Burglary	6	10	1
Counterfeiting / Forgery	9	6	0
Disorderly Conduct	9	3	6
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	32	4	37
Driving Under Influence	27	22	31
Drug / Narcotics	9	24	22
Drunkenness / Protective Custody	3	11	26
False Pretenses / Swindle	13	6	4
Family Offenses / Domestic	25	29	18
Sexual Assault	5	6	6
Impersonation reported	0	1	1
Incest	0	1	0
Intimidation / Criminal Threatening	12	8	2
Larceny	12	8	27
Liquor Law Violations	25	21	45
Pornography / Obscene Material	2	2	0
Runaway	0	2	3
Shoplifting	1	3	4
Traffic	1219	1620	1285
Theft from Motor Vehicles	0	7	2
Theft of Motor Vehicles	0	1	1
Trespass of Real Property	28	8	6
Weapons Violation	1	1	1
Totals	**2036**	**2579**	**2365**

Criminal Activity 2007	*2005*	*2006*	*2007*
911 Hang-Up Calls	44	63	49
Alarms	127	166	137
Arson	0	0	1
Assist Fire Department	89	62	53
Assist Other Agencies	125	159	41
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	36	51	37
Criminal Trespass	9	9	6
Family Offenses / Domestic Violence	23	29	18
Juvenile Offenses	8	47	13
Loitering / Curfew / Vagrancy	0	0	0
Medical Assist	89	111	118
Sexual Assault	8	9	6
Suspicious person / vehicle	19	118	97
Theft	52	33	27
Unattended Deaths	7	6	3
Totals	**636**	**863**	**606**

Motor Vehicle Actions	*2005*	*2006*	*2007*
Accidents Investigated	107	93	137
Person Injured	31	18	30
Fatal Injuries	3	1	1
Warnings Issued	3054	5361	5613
Summonses issued	310	679	914
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests	23	22	31
Other Motor Vehicle Arrests	67	48	53
Totals	**3054**	**6222**	**6779**

Statistics 2007:	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**
Total Offenses Committed	1492	1920	1656
Total Felonies	30	30	20
Crime Related Incidents	1362	1666	1401
Juvenile Arrests	29	20	13
Domestic Violence	23	32	18
Total Physical Arrests	**57**	**144**	**217**



In the spring the new fields at Houston Park were open for the High School and Recreation lacrosse schedules, this summer they were used for two weeklong summer soccer camps, and this fall for Junior Varsity soccer and Soccer Club schedules. The DPW used gravel obtained from the Slusser Senior Center construction project to grade 700' of parking area which provides 60 + parking spaces at the fields. Protective fencing (960') was installed to keep all vehicles off the playing fields. Players and fans can now safely drive to these two fields. The opening of these fields has allowed for the closing of Memorial field for three seasons allowing for a complete rehab of the turf.

Thanks to gifts from HYSA, all of the lights at Clarke Field have been replaced with new light bulbs, supports for new batting cages at Clarke, Maple Street and Coaches fields were installed and new protective fencing at Blood Field was installed this fall.

Thanks to the donation of two days of a large bulldozer and operator by Mark Bates, the construction of the 90' baseball field on our Park Avenue property began this fall. The infield and backstop areas were cleared of stumps and debris and rough graded. HYSA has approved additional funds for the purchase of the infield mix that will be placed over the playing area in the spring of 2008.

On the building side, Garrett Hoyt replaced trim boards on the sewage pump station, stained the Blower Building and Wastewater Treatment Building, refinished numerous benches at the Town Hall, performed maintenance tasks at all our buildings and fulfilled many requests from our fellow town building inhabitants. In the spring half of the wearing surfaces at the Skateboard Park



Rough grading baseball infield at Park Avenue.

were replaced and the remaining half is scheduled for replacement in 2008. Over the week of Thanksgiving, the Town Hall floor was refinished making the renovations to the main hall complete.

In the fall the town celebrated the opening of the Slusser Senior Center thanks to the sensational generosity of the Slussers and all those towns folks who donated to the construction of the facility. Thanks also to the Library Trustees who funded the construction of new steps and handicap walkway that now provides access between the Slusser Senior Center and the Library.

I thank Garrett Hoyt for his dedication to keeping the buildings in working order, Dave Story for his humor and shared dedication to grass, Tom Geer for keeping our grounds and parks looking good, Jeff Bean for maintaining the insides of Columbia Hall and the Slusser Senior Center in top shape, and Herm Blanchette and the DPW staff for their assistance and support.

I have enjoyed working for the town for the past six years and thank the town administration and other departments for their support, and the athletic organizations who give their time, financial support, and assistance. I will continue to look for that "greener turf" in my retirement!

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Department –Buildings & Grounds

Don Houston
Assistant Superintendent



Slusser Senior Center Opening Day.

2007 had not brought us much snow but April made up for it with record rains once again.

The Public Works Department turned in an expense report after the floods were declared an emergency. The Town submitted an expense report to F.E.M.A. for approximately $51,000 that the highway crew had accumulated for work due to washouts.

During the budget process the town departments were forced to make cuts for the 2007 season. The highway budget was the hardest hit which meant we were forced to cut some services or not do so much of them. One of the services most noticeable was dust control for gravel roads. The other was not being able to apply as much new pavement as we had hoped for. However the department replaced a lot of culverts and performed much needed ditching and brush trimming.

One of the projects that the department did complete was the rebuilding of Putney Hill Road. After some discussion with the residents and compromising we now have a new road surface and improved drainage without totally losing the rural character of the road. Another major project was rebuilding a portion of sidewalk on Kearsarge Avenue and installing a new section of sidewalk to connect Kearsarge and Park Avenue. This summer we are planning on installing a crosswalk in this area.

Below is a summary of other routine maintenance

Culverts	360' new or replaced
Road signs	58 new or replaced
Road side mowing	almost all roads
Tree removal	25 from outside contractors
Sweeping	30 roads 7 parking areas
Hot top	1,080 tons (Pike Industries)
Guardrail	600' replaced (Vermont Rec. and Fence)

I would like to take the time to thank the town's people and elected officials for continued support over the last year and to take the time to thank the dedicated employees of the Public Works Department.

The Town Policy for Winter Maintenance is as follows:

Snow Plowing

The Town vehicles begin plowing when the snow has accumulated 2 to 3 inches. After roads are clear, sanding and salting will begin.

Winter Freezing Rain Storm

It is important to note that *salt* or *sand* is wasted if applied before rain stops. There is nothing the Highway Department can do during a freezing rain storm. However, as soon as the rain stops, salt and sand will be applied to the roads.

Clean Road Policy

The Town of Hopkinton does not have a clean road policy. In other words, all roads and streets will not be kept completely clear of snow and therefore only caution can be advised during winter driving. Salt will be used sparingly. Dirt roads will be sanded, but with ice under the sand, it still makes instant stops impossible.

Plow Routes

Each plow route is approximately 15 miles long and takes 3 to 4 hours to cover. If plowing is started with two inches of snow, by the time the vehicle finishes the route 3 to 4 hours later, there could be up to 6 inches of snow on the first part of the route. Therefore, during a heavy snowstorm, at times, there will be snow on the roads.

Winter Parking Ordinance

From November 1 to April 1, no motor vehicle may be parked on any street, way or public parking lot between the hours of 11 PM and 7 AM.

Pushing Snow onto Town and State Roads

Revised State Statutes 41:11, 47:17 VII and 236:20 prohibits the pushing or plowing of snow from your driveway or property onto either a town or state road. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor and includes a fine. Please help us to not only keep our roads clear of snow and ice piles, but also keep both the State and Town road crews safe.

Driveways

With heavy snowfalls, the Highway Crew may have to pass down your road more than once leaving the end of your driveway filled with yet more snow. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause especially since it always seems to happen just as you have finished shoveling.

Sidewalks and Town Parking Lots

- Parking lots will be plowed after roads have been cleared. Snow might accumulate several inches before parking lots are plowed.
- Town sidewalks will be plowed after the storm is over. The individual who plows the sidewalks also has a plow route. Therefore, no one is available to plow the sidewalks until the roads are cleared and treated.
- Sanding Town parking lots will be done when the roads are being treated after the storm is over.
- Sanding town sidewalks will be done as needed after roads have been treated. Each Highway Department employee has a designated road sanding route, so no one is available to sand sidewalks until after roads have been treated.
- Some sidewalks cannot be plowed because of their location and width, particularly if there is substantial snow accumulation. These particular walks have never been plowed. Some sidewalks that are located at the edge of State roads have to be closed if there is an abnormal amount of snow.
- Revised State Statutes 41:11 and 47:17 prohibit pushing or plowing of snow from your driveway or property onto town sidewalks. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor and includes a fine. Please help us to keep our sidewalks clear.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Works Department

Harold "Herm" Blanchette
Superintendent



The Hopkinton/Webster MSW Facilities are busier, and more necessary, every year. As the consequences of environmental indiscretions become more apparent the demands of responsible waste disposal increase. Every effort is being made to meet this community challenge.

The MSW Facilities accept trash, septage, brush, yard waste, C&D materials, and metals from the towns of Hopkinton and Webster while providing a complete array of recycling and proper disposal programs. A management approach combining investments in cost containment with a focus on Reduction, Reuse, Recovery, and Recycling was also implemented in 2006.

In 2007 over 37 tons of potentially harmful electronics were pulled from the waste stream to be recycled and properly disposed of without charging any residential fees. The amount of C&D waste has been reduced by 20% and 40% of the remaining material is being recycled. In 2007, the first year of the program, budgetary costs for C&D disposal were reduced by 35% ($37,000) and further related cuts have been made in the 2008 budget.

According to the 27 town Concord Regional Cooperative Hopkinton was second in recycling revenue and third in pounds recycled per capita in 2006. Overall trash is down by over 6% in 2007 (300 Tons!), recycling is up by 16%, and recycling revenues are up by 36%. The percentage of regular trash recycled



in Hopkinton and Webster, by weight, has gone from 12.4% in 2006 to 15% in 2007.

The final expenditures from the Transfer Station Budget in 2007 were about $8,000 less than appropriated. The proposed 2008 budget is lower than 2007. The costs of solid waste disposal will continue to rise and the financial pressure on municipal budgeting will increase. The good thing is that taking an environmentally responsible approach to addressing this inevitability makes fiscal sense.

The current management strategy is paying dividends because of public participation. Residents are separating their C&D materials, properly disposing of their hazardous wastes, recycling more, and taking advantage of environmentally friendly disposal options. There is always a little inconvenience involved with doing the right thing but more and more people are evidently appreciating the benefits.

There are ongoing plans at the MSW Facilities to comprehensively evaluate our municipal waste stream, expand recycling services, and to offer Reuse, Recovery, & Reduction options. Cost containment investments are a priority. Public support is the only prerequisite and all ideas are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities

Steve Clough
Assistant Superintendent Public Works - Waste



Transfer Station Regulars from left to right: Bob Davis (Supervisor), Tammy Junkins (part-time Attendant), Jolene Sittig (Operator), and Christina Crawford (part-time Attendant).

Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities
Recycling Income Statement, January 1 to December 31, 2007

Products	*Weight*	*Revenue*	*Savings**
Aluminum	7.9825 Tons	$ 11,682.05	$ 447.02
Tin	12.61 Tons	$ 916.99	$ 706.16
Glass	169.31 Tons	$ 0	$ 9,481.36
Plastic	32.41 Tons	$ 11,882.85	$ 1,814.96
Textiles	7.9 Tons	$ 0	$ 442.40
Electronics	37.22 Tons	$ 0	$ 2,084.32
Magazines / Mixed Paper / Newspaper	318.66 Tons	$ 20,034.39	$ 17,844.96
Cardboard	160.72 Tons	$ 16,526.70	$ 9,000.32
Totals	**746.8125 Tons**	**$61,042.98**	**$41,821.50**

*Incinerator Costs $42.50/Ton Tipping Fee
$13.50/Ton Transportation
$56.00/Ton Savings

HEAVY METALS

	Weight	*Revenue*	*Transport, Rental & Fee*
Bulk Metals	182.22 Tons	$ 21,170.49	$ 4,297.66
Separated Metals	.229 Tons	$ 351.44	----------
Totals	**182.449 Tons**	**$21,521.93**	**$ 4,297.66**

Waste Oil	2,205 Gallons		
Recycled fluorescent bulbs	6,000 feet	(disposal cost	$ 360.00)
Rechargeable batteries	350 pounds		
CFU removal	331 units	(disposal cost	$ 2,678.00)
Electronics		(disposal costs	$ 9,435.88)
Propane Tanks	146 units	(disposal costs	$ 371.00)

Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities
Recycling Income Statement, January 1 to December 31, 2007

LIABILITIES

Time Processing	1,674 Hours	$ 19,456.93
Shipping (Truck Exp & Wages)	15 loads/mixed paper	$ 6,695.50
Total Liabilities		**$26,152.43**

NET INCOME/SAVINGS

Total Revenues and Savings	**$102,864.48**
Total Liabilities	**$ 26,152.43**
Net Income and Savings	**$ 76,712.05**

Total Tons (excluding heavy metals and waste oils)	**746.8125 Tons**
Net Income and Savings per Ton Processed	**$ 102.72**

Hopkinton's wastewater treatment facility in Contoocook Village completed its twenty second year of operation in 2007. The odds and ends from the Sludge Removal & Equipment Replacement project authorized at the 2006 Town Meeting were completed. Although the capacity of the plant is still .12 MGD it is now designed to meet significantly tougher standards.

The testing required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services during 2007 has shown a dramatic improvement in the facility's performance. The treatment process was previously producing results that were within the limits set by its permit but it is now discharging an effluent that has below detectable amounts of the major performance parameters.

The new aeration system is substantially easier to maintain than the original one and also provides significantly more dissolved oxygen for the treatment process. All of the new associated equipment has also been performing well. The new variable speed drives on the system's mechanical blowers allow for operational adjustments that are lowering electrical usage and costs.

The facility improvements approved by town voters in 2006 are already paying off and will hopefully do the job for another twenty years. The businesses, public buildings, schools, and residents located in Contoocook Village are receiving a necessary service and the treated water being discharged to the Contoocook River is all the better for the wear.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Public Works Department - Wastewater

Steve Clough
Assistant Superintendent

The year 2007 has been one of big changes in leadership and the future of the Hopkinton Recreation Department. The year began with hopes of a new senior center, and after a long road with many bumps, the Slusser Senior Center finally opened on November 3.

Another big change occurred when Rob Mattes left his role as Recreation Director after nearly three years to take a position in New York. Rob left a legacy of great programs and ideas that have molded the recreation department thus far. When Rob left in May, recreation committee member Louise Carr took on a lot of the department's responsibilities until a new director was chosen. In July, I (Justin La Vigne) took over the reigns of the department. My wife and I relocated from Danville, Virginia, where I previously served as the Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation for the city. I already have continued some of the previous traditions of the department, but have also implemented some new programs. I plan to do the same in 2008.

Under Rob's direction, the year started out with events for both children and adults. The 1st annual RC Car Race provided a complete race course upstairs in Columbia Hall and a challenging obstacle course downstairs. Approximately 10 kids came out to race their cars and show their maneuvering skills while families and friends cheered them on.

Parents were given an opportunity to have a date night while children gathered at Columbia Hall for food, games, movies and other activities. Families were also the focus of many programs, as there was a movie night, moonlight snowshoeing treks led by Sharon Nall, ice skating at the Fairgrounds and ice hockey lessons.

March started off with a ski trip to Sunday River, continued with a senior trip to Foxwoods Casino and ended with an Easter Egg Hunt for children at Houston Fields, which brought out many families, children and of course, the Easter Bunny himself. Kids searched high and low for eggs that the Easter Bunny hid.

I want to thank Rob for his service to this community and for some great programs that I plan to continue for the town.

Summer began in June with the opening of Kimball Pond and, since the installation of the new dam by the Public Works crew, everyone knew it would be a busy season. Indeed it was. The pond saw more than 2500 visitors throughout the summer. Karen Miller, pond director, along with her dedicated staff of Brian,

Christine, Jenny and Anne, kept the pond safe for all the guests and tended to everyone's needs. The new trampoline was a great addition for all to enjoy. Swim lessons, led by Christine, were a hit not only with the kids, but with the parents too. More than 100 children took part in the weekly lessons.

Summer camp participation again grew, this time more than doubling. Nearly 200 kids joined for the seven weeks of camp. During the last four weeks, there was even a waiting list for camp participants. Amanda Lauster and the dedicated camp counselors, Kaitlin, Michaele, Zach and Joe, created a fun and safe atmosphere for the youth of Hopkinton. At camp, kids enjoyed crafts, indoor and outdoor games and special events such as the Great Egg Drop and an end-of-the-season barbeque. Every Friday, campers enjoyed a trip to a different state park and every Wednesday, kids took a field trip to special locations, such as whale watching, Boston Museum of Science, Logs of Fun and Funland. A big highlight was every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, when kids went to Kimball Pond for some of the day to cool off.

Louise Carr played a key role organizing the 1st annual Fourth of July Family Fun Day at Houston Park. She, along with the recreation committee and other volunteers, put together an event that surpassed anyone's expectations. Between the food, games, contests, music and activities throughout the day, there was something for everyone. The day also gave the first sneak peak at the Slusser Senior Center, as tours were provided by volunteers. The event took months of planning and provided long-lasting memories for the community. It is estimated that more than 1000 people came out for the day. Stay tuned for details for the 2nd annual Fourth of July celebration.

Summer continued with British Soccer Camp, in which 80 youth participated. Special thanks to the Jones family for all of their help and hospitality, as they housed all four British soccer coaches. The Contoocook Carry in September was again a hit with the adventurous folk and this year more people than ever participated to raise money for various agencies in town. Thank you to Mary and Tom Congoran for their efforts to bring a wonderful event to the community.

Hopkinton sports were on the move with great programs and participation from both HYSA and the Hopkinton Soccer club. HYSA purchased and put in new fencing at Blood Field and bought three batting cages for the softball fields. Dave Chase's Hawk Baseball Camp was enjoyed by the youth and we look forward to even a bigger turnout next year. The lacrosse program was back again this year and had great success. Thanks to Rob Thomson who led

over 120 kids through this great program. Adult Volleyball led by Steve Smith continues every Sunday night at the High school. The back fields at Houston Park were opened this Spring and Don Houston, along with his crew, did a wonderful job in preparing these fields for use.

Columbia Hall saw more activity this year than anticipated. Besides the department's special events, routine building usage has been on the rise. Tai Chi, DeDe Russell's dance classes and Cindy Glass's fitness classes occupy the building every day of the week. In fact, Cindy moved her entire operation to Columbia Hall this fall, offering nine different fitness classes per week. The recreation department also hosted a number of classes at Columbia Hall, including an 11-week line dancing class, which had more than 20 participants and was taught by Jim and Pat Smeltzer. Stained glass classes returned in the fall, this time taught by 30-year expert teacher, Joyce Fuller. This 9-week program attracted 10 students of all ages. The biggest addition to Columbia Hall's schedule was the creation of Tumbling Tots. What started with 2 tots (with their nanny) and instructor Sara Green has now turned into an average of 15-20 tots per class and numerous parents and caregivers jumping in on the action. It even warranted a front-page article from The Bow Times!

In October, the department hosted its 3rd Annual Haunted Village, "Monsterville at Kimball Cabins." This free event was spearheaded by recreation committee member Vernon Miller and proved to be the best yet with more than 350 visitors daring to enter the dark woods around the cabins. The event could not have been possible without the help of more than 30 volunteers from other recreation committee members to girl scouts to high school students to peer leadership group members to families to the Women's Club, who took control





over parking and provided treats to those who waited in line. Thank you to everyone who made this event one to remember!

Immediately following the successful Halloween event, seniors became the focus of the recreation department. On November 3, the Slusser Senior Center had its grand opening with more than 200 visitors of all ages coming out to see what the seniors had to look forward to. The Slusser Senior Center Building Committee (Don Lane, Janet Krzyzaniak, Ken Wilkens, Jane Fairchild, Don Houston, Louise Carr, Martha McNeil, Bev Johnson and myself) along with many other volunteers, worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful opening event and a wonderful building to enjoy. Woody Roberts Band graced us all with music and the day was topped off with the dedication of the building and ribbon cutting by Gene and Anne Slusser, our generous donors. Many thanks to all who donated time, money and energy to make this dream come true.

Since the opening, the building has seen many new and existing programs and general daily use by seniors. Senior lunches moved from Columbia Hall and have seen up to 65 people in attendance. Other programs include senior breakfasts, chair yoga, Strong Living Fitness, line dancing club, BINGO, Senior Teas and numerous informational events and speakers.

The department's year wrapped up with a new and old event. The 1st Annual Holiday Lights Contest allowed families a friendly competition to enter their decorated homes to be judged by the recreation committee. Twelve households signed up and three winners were recognized—Ken & Mary Wilkens, Alain & Brenda Breault, and Linda & Steve Sheppard. The event proved to be popular and next year we look forward to more entries. On December 15, Santa made his way to Columbia Hall for the 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa. Last year's crowd of approximately 60 residents paled in comparison to this year's crowd of more than 150 people. This year, kids not only enjoyed time with Santa, but had craft time too. The recreation committee, along with other volunteers, cooked up pancakes, bacon, hash browns, eggs and muffins. All proceeds from the event were donated to Hopkinton's Operation Christmas. Both Christmas events prompted more front-page articles in The Bow Times.

My move to Hopkinton has been a great adventure and I look forward to many years of fulfilling programs and events for all. A special thanks goes out to all who have helped me along the way. My Recreation Committee of Jim Martin, Dan Rinden, Vernon Miller, Lillian Landry, Valerie Carr and Louise Carr have done an amazing job by volunteering numerous hours to help with many





special events and programs. The Slusser Senior Center has had lots of people lending a hand to improve its services and a special thanks to Janet Krzyzaniak, Joanne Woodward, Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw, and our Volunteer Coordinator, Lillian Landry, who puts in over 30 hours of service a week. Also thanks to the numerous volunteers that assist at the front desk and with programs. This department and town would not be where it is without the dedicated help of one person who has always been there for me. Louise Carr volunteered to temporarily take over the reigns of the recreation department for nearly two months before I arrived and has worked many volunteer hours to familiarize me with the operations and ins and outs of the department and town. Lastly, thank you to my wife, Patrice, who is always by my side volunteering, even when it is at 5am in the morning.

Thank you to all who have took part in the 2007 programs and services and I look forward to seeing you in 2008. If you have program ideas, please stop by and let me know. I look forward to a great 2008!

Respectively submitted,

Hopkinton Recreation Department

Justin La Vigne
Recreation Director

Date	*Name of Child*	*Father's Name*	*Mother's Name*	*Birthplace*
01/09/2007	Hayden, Colby Perry	Hayden,David	Hayden,Jaqueline	Concord
01/13/2007	Glasser, Elias James	Glasser,William	Glasser,Brianna	Lebanon
01/15/2007	Kosowicz, Andess Rose	Kosowicz,Zachary	Kosowicz,Tressa	Concord
01/16/2007	Malcolm, Sophia Rose	Malcolm,Todd	Malcolm,Jessica	Concord
01/17/2007	Cain, Addison Patricia Leigh	Cain, Jeffrey	Cain,Rosamond	Lebanon
02/16/2007	Sullivan, Kelsey Hope	Sullivan,Jeffrey	Sheen,Gwendolyn	Concord
02/20/2007	Younie, Ayla Evelynn	Younie,David	Bentley-Younie,Alyssa	Concord
02/21/2007	Charron, Cody Miles	Charron,Michael	Charron,Mary Jane	Concord
03/07/2007	Shortlidge, Elsa Caroline	Shortlidge,Seth	Shortlidge,Jane	Concord
03/10/2007	Ekstrom, Fiona Murphy	Ekstrom,Harold	Ekstrom,Mary	Concord
03/26/2007	Rubinstein,Thomas Hayden Schlitzer	Rubinstein,Kenneth	Schlitzer Karen	Concord
03/30/2007	Lewis, Matthew Russell	Lewis,Michael	Lewis,Kelly	Concord
04/27/2007	Klinger, Malcolm Frost	Klinger,Lance	Goldman,Klinger Angela	Concord
05/23/2007	Martin, Patrick John	Martin,James	Martin,Amy	Concord
06/03/2007	Fraser, Leah Karen	Fraser,David	Minemier, Marlene	Concord
06/11/2007	Follansbee, Cassidy Ann	Follansbee,Lloyd	Follansbee,Joan	Concord
06/18/2007	Schoch, Ryan Jacob	Schoch,Jamie	Schoch,Kathleen	Concord

Date	*Name of Child*	*Father's Name*	*Mother's Name*	*Birthplace*
06/19/2007	Pickering, Arianna Sue	Pickering,Joel	Pickering,Erin	Concord
07/01/2007	Stone, James Wesley	Stone,James	Stone,Amy	Manchester
07/05/2007	Gleason, Michael Hollis	Gleason,Brett	White,Sarah-Beth	Concord
07/17/2007	Wood, Brayden Cristian	Wood,Christopher	Wood,Brande	Concord
08/03/2007	Lawless, Gavin Christopher	Lawless,Christopher	Lawless,Susan	Concord
08/04/2007	Dunlap, Carson Pierce	Dunlap,Robert	Dunlap,Jessica	Concord
08/10/2007	Ammann, Bronson Scott	Ammann,Jason	Ammann,Kristy	Concord
08/22/2007	Regan, Donald Joseph	Regan,Donald	Regan,Alison	Concord
08/28/2007	Westover, Sydney Page	Westover,Scott	Westover,Lindsay	Concord
08/29/2007	Burns, Ava Catherine	Burns,John	Burns,Megan	Concord
09/14/2007	White, Keegan Thomas	White,Michael	White,Jennifer	Concord
09/18/2007	Cook, Henley Davies	Cook,Corey	Cook,Rachael	Concord
09/18/2007	Hoffner, Isabella Ane	Hoffner,Lewis	Hoffner,Luccianne	Concord
10/04/2007	Chandler, Cole Murphy	Chandler,Jeffrey	Chandler,Tara	Concord
10/12/2007	Prisco-Nelson, Paige Sophia	Nelson, Tyler	Prisco, Amanda	Concord
10/31/2007	Burrell, Owen Taylor	Burrell,Craig	Burrell,Rachael	Concord
11/01/2007	Boudette, Paige Elise	Boudette,Christopher	Boudette,Kathy	Concord

Date	*Name of Child*	*Father's Name*	*Mother's Name*	*Birthplace*
11/07/2007	White, Tanis Christie Coffield	White,Timothy	Coffield,Rachael	Concord
11/08/2007	Huse, Kaleb Austin	Huse,Nathaniel	Leduc,Amanda	Concord
11/19/2007	Bryant, Robert Raymond	Bryant,Matthew	Bryant,Pimsiree	Concord
11/23/2007	Brown, Aiden Trent	Brown Delayne	Brown,Caroline	Concord
12/03/2007	Roffi, Aidan James	Roffi,John	Davis,Sonia	Peterborough
12/09/2007	Drews, Miles Ethan	Drews,Kenneth	Colgan,Megan	Concord
12/21/2007	Martel, Julia Grace	Martel,Marc	Martel,Kimberly	Concord

Date	*Decedent's Name*	*Place of Death*	*Father's Name*	*Mother's Name*
01/01/2007	Ryan, Dana	Concord	Ryan,Joseph	O'Brien,Lillian
01/06/2007	Sawyer, Elizabeth	Concord	Chapman,John	Boulay,Clara
01/28/2007	Moynihan, Augustine	Concord	Moynihan,Michael	Flaherty,Ellen
02/19/2007	DuPaul, Reba	Hopkinton	Gallop,Julian	Richards,Elvena
02/26/2007	Hill, Elsie	Concord	McCullough,Frank	Greeley,Lettie
02/28/2007	Stevens, Grace	Contoocook	Clark,Max	Huffer,Charlotte
03/01/2007	Mussey ,John	Brentwood	Mussey,Ralph	Tucker,Mildred
03/14/2007	Keefe, Ralph	Concord	Keefe,Percy	MacIntyre,Katherine
04/04/2007	Guardino, Joan	Concord	Garabedian,William	Dole,Dorothy
04/14/2007	Wagner, Hugh	Concord	Wagner,Carl	Sutherland,Sarah
04/17/2007	Starratt, Rita	Concord	Chamberlain,William	Quealy,Nora
04/25/2007	Desmond, Patricia	Concord	Barnicle,Peter	Shea,Mary
04/25/2007	Wright,Jr., William	Contoocook	Wright,Sr.,William	Page,Sybil
05/09/2007	Wilder, Pauline	Concord	Downes,Daniel	Sargeant,Alice
06/18/2007	Jones, Edward	Concord	Jones,Lawrence	Ingraham,Mary
06/25/2007	Stosse, Francis	Concord	Stosse,Francis	Lautenschlager,Louise
06/27/2007	Tinkis, Loretta	Hopkinton	MacDonald,Fred	Banes,Evalyne

Date	*Decedent's Name*	*Place of Death*	*Father's Name*	*Mother's Name*
08/27/2007	Sharpe, Dorothy	Hopkinton	McGrath,John	Ahern,Josephine
09/04/2007	Dwinnells, Ann	Concord	Stohrer,John	Birtwell,Mabel
09/13/2007	Denton, Eugene	Concord	Denton,Henry	Savage,Mildred
09/16/2007	Oberst, June	Concord	Matthewson,Ralph	Weiss,Margaret
09/22/2007	Shatz, Sylvia	Concord	Diamond,Morris	Lelansky,Sarah
09/25/2007	Montgomery, George	Tilton	Montgomery,Scott	Clough,Mary
10/16/2007	Donoghue, William	Contoocook	Donoghue,William	Bowler,Ann
10/24/2007	Miller, Lucy	Lebanon	Champney,Henry	Brooks,Mary
12/04/2007	Jewett, Ann	Concord	Jewett,Maurice	Ware,Frances
12/18/2007	French, Owen	Concord	French,Ray	Owens,Addie

Date	*Groom's Name*	*Groom's Residence*	*Bride's Name*	*Brides' Residence*
02/24/2007	Matott, Clifford S	Contoocook,NH	Wicksman, Susan	Contoocook,NH
04/14/2007	Cayer, Emerson P	Hopkinton,NH	Case, Jennifer E	Hopkinton,NH
04/21/2007	Vincent, Adam J	Loudon,NH	Huff, Lindsey N	Hopkinton,NH
05/31/2007	Austin, Charles W	Hopkinton,NH	Rubner, Alison M	Hopkinton,NH
06/02/2007	Morrill, Kirk E	Hopkinton,NH	Ellenwood, Jesse M	Hopkinton,NH
06/16/2007	Parker, Kyle P	Hopkinton,NH	Scuderi, Toni A	Concord,NH
06/23/2007	Witham, David R	Hopkinton,NH	Gagne, Georgette M	Hopkinton,NH
07/05/2007	Libby, Charlie P	Contoocook,NH	Libby, Trina l	Contoocook,NH
07/07/2007	Smith, David W	Hopkinton,NH	Novak, Janet l	Hopkinton,NH
07/07/2007	Weldon, Christopher T	Hopkinton,NH	Skeen, Mary A	Hopkinton,NH
07/07/2007	Wood, Christopher L	Hopkinton,NH	Goodale, Brande M	Hopkinton,NH
07/22/2007	Banker, Brooks	Hopkinton,NH	Morse, Mary Ann	Hopkinton,NH
08/24/2007	Hilton, Timothy L	Hopkinton,NH	Ellis, Stephanie L	Hopkinton,NH
08/26/2007	Hamilton, Darren G	S. Hadley,MA	Olson, Kindreth D	Hopkinton,NH
09/15/2007	Barton, Kent W	Hopkinton, NH	Hagewood, Christine A	Hopkinton,NH
09/28/2007	Osgood, Jason D	Hopkinton,NH	Audet, Courtney J	Hopkinton,NH
10/06/2007	Bailey, Larry R	Wilsall,MT	Dubuc, Careen M	Hopkinton,NH

Date	*Groom's Name*	*Groom's Residence*	*Bride's Name*	*Brides' Residence*
10/13/2007	Labrecque, Kevin V	Hopkinton,NH	Wood, Amanda N	Hopkinton,NH
10/20/2007	Sabin, Adam J	Hopkinton,NH	Fournier, Nicole E	Hopkinton,NH
10/27/2007	Koch, Robert G	Hopkinton,NH	Hayden, Wendy L	Hopkinton,NH
11/03/2007	Slosek, Tundra	Hopkinton,NH	Conalty, Brenda L	Hopkinton,NH
11/24/2007	Miner, Seth F	Hopkinton,NH	Chesley, Vanessa A	Hopkinton,NH
11/28/2007	Pearson, William R	Contoocook,NH	Bernard, Nicole M	Contoocook,NH

Type of Construction	*2003*	*2004*	*2005*	*2006*	*2007*
Residential	44	20	13	10	8
Condominiums — Peaked Hill, River Grant (Two Bldgs., Sixteen Units)	2	0	0	2	0
Manufactured Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Additions & Renovations (incl. attached garages, decks, porches, etc.)	85	69	46	48	50
Garages, Barns & Sheds (detached)	37	43	17	26	22
Garages, Barns & Shed Additions thereto	3	2	6	5	2
Swimming Pools	7	3	4	7	4
Commercial Buildings	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Addtns., Renov., Change in Use & Accessory Structures	14	10	6	4	13
Home Occupations/ Businesses/Accessory Uses	3	5	2	2	1
Conversions (Two-Family & Multi-Family)	3	2	1	1	1
Signs	6	2	7	2	3
Temporary Signs on Town Property	4	2	5	4	5
Temporary Housing	1	1	0	0	0
Demolition	4	2	2	2	0
Town Buildings (Slusser Senior Center)	0	0	0	1	0
Private School—New Construction/ Additions (Hopkinton Independent School, Contoocook School & Parkside Children's House)	1	0	0	0	0
Other: (Towers, Antennae, Fuel Storage Tanks, Diesel Generator, Scoreboard, etc.)	6	4	0	0	0
TOTALS:	**204**	**165**	**109**	**112**	**109**

Boards Committees Commissions Reports

Hopkinton Board Of Cemetery Trustees
2007 Annual Report

The Cemetery Trustees oversee twelve cemeteries in Town and burials are permitted in five of these cemeteries (Old Hopkinton, New Hopkinton, Contoocook Village, Stumpfield and Blackwater) with the exception of the winter months. We meet May through December on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Cemetery Office. This is located in the lower level of the Bates Building (Town Clerk's office) in Contoocook. These meetings are open to the public.

We continue to monitor the health of some of the older trees in the Old Hopkinton, New Hopkinton and Contoocook Village Cemeteries. It is with regret that some of these were removed this past winter and we anticipate that several more will need to be taken down in the immediate future. Unfortunately, we need to consider public safety and the maintenance of stones and monuments above that of aesthetics.

Last year we completed the transfer of all records to Excel. We are in the process of investigating the option of putting this information on the Town website so that individuals can have access to it. However, the Trustees are still available to personally answer any questions about ownerships, burials, plots/lots, and other cemetery issues.

Richard "Dick" Drescher has informed us that he will no longer be our maintenance worker. He has done this job for a number of years with diligence and expertise. He will be missed not only by the Trustees but by the Town for the excellent level of his work.

The Trustees belong to the New Hampshire Cemetery Association which meets biannually. These meetings are most informative and furnish an opportunity for us to exchange ideas with trustees from cemeteries throughout the state. We also attend an annual meeting sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General. This provides us with information about new and existing regulations which govern cemeteries statewide.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Board of Cemetery Trustees

Susan Adams
Sara McNeil, *Chairman*
Patti Cass Smith



Once again, the Conservation Commission had a busy year with natural resource protection, conservation land acquisition and forest management projects. Using monies from the Conservation Fund, the Conservation Commission purchased nine acres from Tudor Richards and he then donated an adjacent one acre lot. Both tracts are located along Old Henniker Road, with the nine acre tract being across from the Smith Pond Bog and the Beyers Town Forest Lot. The lot contains some important wetland habitat and is part of the Hopkinton Village Precinct wellfield watershed. Acquisition of the lot essentially completes a ring of protected Open Space around Hopkinton Village. It is hoped to eventually connect all of the lots with a walking trail allowing residents a place to enjoy some of the many benefits that Town Forests provide. The Commission would like to thank Tudor and Barbara Richards for their many years of support of Hopkinton's conservation program. The Commission also negotiated the acquisition of a six acre bog-like wetland found in the center of the Herrick Subdivision off of Clement Hill Road. The Commission obtained 12.65 acres of designated Open Space in the Francis Chase subdivision off of Irish Hill Road that abutted two separate landlocked parcels of Town Forest. By combining the Open Space with the existing Town parcels, the acquisition created a 20 acre lot of conservation land with full road access. The Commission paid the $11,000.00 in administrative transfer fees to obtain 93 acres of Government surplus land in West Hopkinton from the Army Corp of Engineers. Although much of the land will be protected for wildlife habitat, a portion of the land will be used as a gravel source by the Hopkinton Highway Department. A Conservation Easement was deeded to the Five Rivers Conservation Land Trust for the Ransmeier Woods Town Forest. Another easement is being developed for the Rollins Lot. Existing easements were monitored by Commission members on the Brockway and Hawthorne Town Forest lots as well as the easements on two private ownerships.

Much of the old farm dump on the Rice Town Forest lot was cleaned up by the Highway department and a dirt berm was placed on an interior access road to help eliminate misuse on the lot. Many thanks to Herm Blanchette and his crew for their efforts. A boundary survey was started on the Rice lot, though its completion was delayed by the early December snows. Commission members met with the Hopkinton Economic Development Committee to provide input for alternate access routes to the Burnham Intervale industrial zone, one of which would impact the Rice property. Forest Inventories were conducted on the Rollins Lot, the Carson Lot and on the Ransmeier Woods. The inventories

will be the basis of the Forest Management Plans being developed for those lots. The inventory showed that the field on the Rollins lot was quickly growing in with invasive shrub species. Most of the field was reclaimed by "brush-hogging" which coincidentally uncovered an erosion problem that was caused by the intense storm run-off from the ditches along the Gould Hill and Penacook roads. The eroded area was rip-rapped with stone and will be monitored.

A very small timber sale was set up on the Beyer's lot, where the logger will swap the timber for building a trailhead parking lot in the log yard. The trailhead will eliminate unsafe road-side parking and serve the trails on the Smith Pond Bog and future trails on the Beyer's lot and the Tudor Richards lot. The trails at Hawthorne Forest and the Kimball Lake Recreation Area were maintained by Commission members. Both trails continue to be popular with area residents.

Hunting on Town Forests came under discussion at the start of the fall hunting season. There are currently five lots where hunting is not allowed. The Hawthorne Forest and the Kimball Lake Recreation Area are close to houses and contain heavily used trail systems, so hunting is not allowed for safety reasons. The Brockway Forest and the abutting Carson Lot were purchased with the



understanding that they would be wildlife refuges. The Beyers Lot abuts the Audubon Smith Pond Bog Wildlife Sanctuary and as well as several houses so hunting was not allowed for both safety and habitat reasons. Hunting is currently allowed in the other fifteen Town Forest lots.

The Commission was involved in reviewing Wetlands Dredge and Fill Permits on several properties, mainly culvert installations and farm pond construction, and helped investigate two wetland violations. We would like to remind residents that any dredging, filling or disturbance of wetlands, streams, drainage swales and riverbanks will require a State-issued permit. Fines for failure to obtain a permit or violating the terms of the permit can be quite expensive and can include full restoration of the site. The Commission also reviewed several new or revised Current Use Applications for the Selectmen's Office and provided input to the Planning Board regarding the Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.

The Conservation Commission sponsored Maple Street School student Megan Hemmerlein to a summer session at the Barry Conservation Camp.

With great regret, the Commission accepted the resignation of long-time Commission member Melinda Payson. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and minute taking abilities will be greatly missed. The vacancy was filled by Tim White.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Derek Owen, *Chairman*
Todd Aubertin
Ron Klemarczyk
Erick Leadbeater
Jed Merrow
Lee Wilder
Tim White
Byron Carr, *Alternate*

This has been a very active year for the Economic Development Committee. The EDC has spent the year reviewing how best to expand Hopkinton's tax base thereby reducing the tax rate. A review of the available undeveloped and properly zoned properties was undertaken. It became clear that the largest parcel of undeveloped land that met the criteria for future commercial development is the Burnham Intervale M-1 District.

However, the property does not currently have road access that can support significant motor vehicle traffic without unduly impacting the center of Contoocook Village. Therefore, alternate access to the site is required before Burnham Intervale can be developed.

In January, based on a prior decision of the Hopkinton Selectmen to contract with the Concord Regional Development Corporation for the study of a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district, EDC members met in Concord with the CRDC and two engineers. The meeting focused on two alternate approaches to the site: (1) a bridge over the Contoocook River and (2) ramps, full or half interchanges on the South bound side of I-89 near Bound Tree and Pine Street. The committee members decided to meet with NH DOT to determine feasibility before incurring any further expenditure for studies with the CRDC.

In April, John Dinapoli and Deb Avery of the NH Department of Resources and Development spoke to the EDC. They highlighted the uniqueness and value of the Burnham Intervale land and the rarity of this amount of undeveloped acreage in south -central New Hampshire. Mr. Dinapoli suggested that the Burnham Intervale land could be developed for one large business or many smaller businesses as a mix use commercial or light industrial park. He stressed the importance of better direct access to a major highway as the most desirable method of utilizing this area. Further, the Burnham Intervale site has high speed fiber optic cables all ready run to the site. The existence of high speed fiber optic cables would permit any number of high tech companies, that required large data transmission capabilities, to potentially locate within Burnham Intervale.

In May, several EDC board members met with staff of the NHDOT and the Federal Highway Department to discuss possible new ramps on and off I-89. The EDC was told by NHDOT that it is highly unlikely that Hopkinton could obtain the required permits to build a new interchange on I-89 for access to the Site. As such, the discussion turned back to a bridge approach that would cross the Contoocook River. At this time, it was decided to place the CRDC TIF study on hold pending further deliberation on the access issues.

In June, the EDC toured all of the possible approaches to the Site that have been discussed as potential routes over the Contoocook River to connect the Burnham Intervale area more directly to highways and to avoid truck traffic through Contoocook village. There was no consensus as to the best approach.

On July 16, committee members met with Governor Lynch to ask for his help coordinating State and Federal agencies when a plan is defined. The Governor offered his help in bringing together all the agencies that will be needed to permit whatever route that is ultimately selected.

In September, rough development estimates were discussed on possible approaches to the Site. It was also decided that it was time to ask for input from the Hopkinton Conservation Committee as the EDC worked to select the best route.

In October, members of the Hopkinton Conservation Committee joined the discussion and helped eliminate the proposal of a bridge over the town-owned Rice property. The EDC feels that it has found a route to the Site that docs not require an interchange on I-89 nor a bridge to cross the Contoocook River. In order to further evaluate the potential approaches to the Site, the EDC will ask an engineering firm to provide an estimate of cost and scope of work to study the viable approaches to the Site. This proposal will be considered at future meetings of the EDC.

Better access to Burnham Intervale will continue to be a primary goal of the Economic Development Committee. Development costs, the length of any proposed roads, potential impact on neighborhoods, flood plains, wetlands, the costs of acquiring land, economic impact to the Town's tax base and ultimate use of the property are among the foremost considerations of the EDC. We hope to find a sensible, suitable plan for the development of Burnham Intervale and to bring this plan to a future town meeting for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Economic Development Committee

Judy Hampe, *Co-Chair*
Robert Houston
Glen Ohlund
Scott Flood, *Selectmen's Rep*
John Herrick
Cettie Connolly, *Co-Chair*
Susan Leadbeater
Bruce Ellsworth
Mark Bates
Chris Lawless

Greener Hopkinton Committee
2007 Annual Report

At our Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, the citizens of Hopkinton passed warrant article 33 which stated that our town would "go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Hopkinton." In addition, this article encouraged New Hampshire citizens "to work for emission reductions within their communities," and asked that their Selectmen "consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions."

On April 30, 2007, the Selectmen presented a proposal to implement a "green" initiative which would educate our community about programs that will "materially improve our physical well being." In response to this proposal, several citizens came forward to serve on the Greener Hopkinton Steering Committee. The Committee held its first meeting on June 14. There are currently almost twenty volunteers who meet as needed to achieve the goals the Committee has established.

In September, the Greener Hopkinton Steering Committee held its first annual ECO-FAIR at Hopkinton High School featuring eighteen exhibitors. Jim Merkel, environmental activist, former Director of Sustainability at Dartmouth College, and author of *Radical Simplicity: Small Footprints on a Finite Earth,* was our keynote speaker.

In October Greener Hopkinton sponsored a "charette" at St. Andrew's Church Parish House facilitated by Jim Merkel. At this gathering, community members were invited to share their vision of a sustainable Hopkinton and to discuss and prioritize projects that would help to make their vision a reality. In January 2008 a number of these projects will go from ideas on paper to concrete action through the efforts of committed volunteers.

A Greener Hopkinton subcommittee has undertaken the planning and implementation of a town-wide energy audit. Chaired by Jim O'Brien, Jack Ruderman and Brian Bickford, the results of this audit will pave the way for informed action on town-wide energy savings.

Greener Hopkinton, with the support of the Hopkinton Rotary Club, offers for sale re-useable canvas shopping bags featuring three award-winning designs created by Hopkinton students for only $5 per bag. Just contact Carol Cleary (phone: 746-6246; email: carolcmk@comcast.net) to place your order and help to make Hopkinton a plastic bag-free zone.

Greener Hopkinton warmly welcomes volunteers to join us at our meetings at the Hopkinton Town Library. Please email jwardnh@aol.com or call Janet Ward at 746-4991 or check the Hopkinton Town website for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Greener Hopkinton Committee

Brian Bickford
Susan Covert
Corinne Lajoie
Bethann McCarthy
Jack Ruderman
Janet Ward, *Chairperson*
Byron Carr
Karla Heck
Don Lane, *Selectmen's Rep.*
Cass Mellen
David Salzberg
Carol and Jim Cleary
Liane Kerbyson
Mary Leadbeater
Jim O'Brien
Erin Thesing

The Recycling Committee spent the past year finalizing the details of a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program. In July and August, it provided presentations on PAYT to the Hopkinton and Webster selectmen. The Hopkinton Board requested additional information, which the committee later provided. Subsequently, the Committee presented a specific PAYT implementation plan, including spreadsheet analysis, to the Hopkinton BOS. The Assistant Superintendent of Public Works-Waste, Steve Clough, expressed concerns about the lack of curbside pickup for recyclables. In response to this concern, the Committee developed an alternate plan and will assess its effectiveness as of Sept 1, 2008. If a significant increase in the rate of recycling has not been demonstrated by then, the Committee will proceed with promoting a PAYT effort.

The Recycling Committee also explored additional ways to increase recycling. Since many residents have said they would recycle if there were a more conveniently located drop-off center, the committee proposed to the Hopkinton Selectmen that an in-town recycling collection area be established on Public Works Road in Contoocook Village. It would be open one weekend day and attended by a transfer station employee. One of the Town's waste haulers generously offered to support a pilot program in which he would provide recycling receptacles and associated transportation services free of charge for one month. This would afford the Town the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of such a concept. The Committee also proposed making it more convenient for seniors to recycle by providing bins at the new senior center. At this point in time, the Board of Selectmen has not endorsed these suggestions. The Committee will continue to advocate for them as it believes that making recycling more accessible and convenient for residents is key to increasing participation in the recycling program.

Outreach efforts to encourage recycling continued throughout the year. The Recycling Committee succeeded in selling more than 50 composting bins. Members submitted articles to local publications about the benefits of recycling, redesigned the recycling brochure and distributed copies at town meetings and local establishments, and provided educational displays at the Greener Hopkinton environmental fair.

In 2007, Hopkinton and Webster residents recycled a total of 746 tons of paper, cardboard, cans, glass, plastics, textiles, and electronics for a 16.6% increase in tonnage over 2006. These materials brought in $61,043 in revenue

and saved the town another $41,822 in avoided disposal costs for a total net value of $102,864. Not bad -- but can we do better? You bet!

Recycling is the "green" thing to do, both for our pocketbooks and the environment. Let's all recycle more for an even *greener Hopkinton* in '08!

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

Debbie Augustine, *Chair*
Liane Kerbyson
David Lancaster
Bob Lapree
Chris Lawless
Mary Leadbeater
Katherine Mitchell, *Vice Chair*
Sally Embley, *Webster Representative*
Betsy Janeway, *Webster Representative*
Mary Jo MacGowan, *Webster Representative*
Steve Clough, *MSW Representative*
Don Lane, *Selectmen's Representative*



At the 2003 Town Meeting the citizens of Hopkinton passed a $5,000,000 bond issue for the express purpose of acquiring land or conservation easements on land "to protect the natural heritage and rural character" of the town. The warrant article called for the formation of a five-member Open Space Committee, which the Board of Selectmen appointed in March 2003

To date, the Town has voted to use Open Space bond funds to purchase six parcels totaling 412 acres for a total of $1,881,250. The total tax impact to date is about 32 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation, or about $96 per year on a $300,000 home. During 2007, the Open Space Committee made progress in its discussions with the owners of Gould Hill Orchards, and is in active discussions with other property owners.

Our work has been greatly aided by the cooperation we have received from so many different people. A special thanks goes to the Conservation Commission for financing our activities during each negotiation period and the Department of Public Works for its tremendous assistance in making each acquisition as pristine as possible so it is acceptable for conservation oversight.

A special thanks goes to Five Rivers Conservation Trust for its interest and support in our efforts here in Hopkinton and a very special thanks goes to Byron Carr, a founding member of the Open Space Committee, who retired this past year. Byron was a thoughtful and insightful contributor to our efforts.

Open Space Committee meeting dates are posted on the town calendar.

Committee members welcome suggestions from residents about parcels that may be important and available for conservation. The Open Space Committee looks forward to continuing its work in 2008 and anticipates bringing additional parcels to the voters for approval and acquisition by the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Open Space Committee

Bill Chapin
Bryan Pellerin
Susan Zankel
Ron Klemarczyk
Dijit Taylor
Don Lane, *Selectmen's Representative*

The Planning Board regularly meets once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM to review and vote on various land use applications. Please contact the Planning Director for information on and the procedure for submission of applications. Meeting notices are posted at the Town Hall and Town Clerk's Office, and published in the Concord Monitor a minimum of 10 days prior to each meeting. Please note that while all agendas, minutes and notices are provided on the Town's website (www.hopkinton-nh.gov) for informational purposes only. Official copies and any attachments referenced are available at Town Hall.

During the year 2007, the Hopkinton Planning Board completed major revisions to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance. As a result, residents of Hopkinton passed zoning amendments creating a new Conservation Subdivision Ordinance. The new Ordinance provides flexibility in the design and development of land, conserves open space and retains and protects natural and cultural features. All residential subdivisions in residential and industrial districts must be developed in accordance with the Conservation Subdivision Ordinance. To be exempt from this requirement, there is a criterion that requires a maximum acreage of a parent parcel, a maximum number of dwelling units to be created, and a minimum acreage of lots proposed provided there is a deed restriction prohibiting further subdivision.

Following passage of the new Conservation Subdivision Ordinance, the Planning Board immediately began work on revising the Subdivision Regulations in an effort to provide new general principle, design and construction standards for subdivisions, including a new pre-application process. The pre-application process is intended to allow the Planning Board an opportunity to suggest methods for resolving potential problems and to review and suggest design and layout changes, thereby saving time and/or unnecessary expense to redesign at a later date.

In addition to revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, the Planning Board with the assistance of various Town departments developed revisions to the Town's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for fiscal year 2008 – 2017. The CIP is one component of the Town's Master Plan that is annually revised to reflect changing demands, new needs, and assessment of priorities.

The Planning Board will continue to monitor the growth of Hopkinton by reviewing the Town's Indicators of Growth Impact. Currently, we require phasing

of developments which create four (4) or more dwelling units/lots. Permits to be issued for subdivision lots will be phased over five (5) years, so that the rate of residential growth does not unreasonably interfere with the Town's ability to provide services.

For the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, the Planning will propose the following zoning amendments:

(a) Replace Paragraph 5.4.7 Junk Vehicles with new language that clearly indicates that no more than one uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

(b) Amend Section XVII Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

A full-text of proposed amendments is available at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website.

Planning Board Hearings Yr. 2007:

Conservation Subdivisions 1
Conventional Subdivisions 2
(Subd. Regs. 8.4.2 Exemptions)
Annexations/Lot Line Adjustments 4
Site Plan Reviews 9
Voluntary Mergers.....4
Subdivision Revocations.....1
Scenic Roads 2
(RSA 231:158 Tree Removal)

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Planning Board

Jane Bradstreet
Cettie Connolly, *Alternate*
Scott Flood, *Selectmen's Rep.*
Clarke Kidder, *Alternate*
Edwin Taylor, *Alternate*
Timothy Britain, *Vice Chairman*
Bruce Ellsworth, *Chairman*
Celeste Hemingson
Bethann McCarthy
Michael Wilkey

Hopkinton Road Committee
2007 Annual Report

2007 was a relatively quiet year for the Road Committee. The residential housing market fell drastically so new applications for development roads were not an issue for the Committee. There was one development that was under construction which we reviewed, and was being finalized for acceptance.

The Public Works Department had a good year working on our infrastructure. The Putney Hill project was started, after several meetings with the homeowners on the road to make sure we addressed their concerns as much as possible before we started the project. We think it came out very well. The road now is much better with the new drainage, ditches and pavement while keeping the natural surroundings intact. We know people are always concerned, but usually everyone is pleased with the final product. Now we have a safer and well constructed piece of road.

We also spent quite a bit of time trying to fix a section of Hooksett Turnpike Road, which always floods. It needs a new culvert, but unfortunately getting a permit to fix the culvert takes much longer than actually fixing the culvert. That's the way the system works, but we hope we'll get it this summer.

As always the on-going work continues with resurfacing and road maintenance, along with some new sidewalk construction. The Department does a great job. Again this spring we will review our 10 year list to make sure infrastructure stays in good shape.

If anyone has a concern or suggestion, please feel free to contact the Committee and hope everyone has a safe year and make sure you stay on the right side of yellow line and obey all traffic signs.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Road Committee

Mark Bates, *Chairman*
Scott Coen
Donald Houston
Lawrence Keniston
David Lancaster
Robert Wells
Shad Wilson

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is authorized to hear appeals from decisions or determinations made by an administrative official in administrating provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. While administrative officials must apply the Zoning Ordinance as it is written and cannot waive any provisions, the Board of Adjustment may grant use or area Variances, where justified, but cannot amend the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment regularly meets once a month, on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM to review and vote on various applications. Please contact the Planning and Zoning Director for information on and the procedure for submission of applications.

Meeting notices are posted at the Town Hall and Town Clerk's Office, and published in the Concord Monitor a minimum of five (5) days prior to each meeting. Please note that while all agendas, minutes and notices are provided on the Town's website (www.hopkinton-nh.gov) for informational purposes only, official copies and any attachments referenced are available at the Town Hall.

During the year 2007, the Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed a total of twenty (20) applications as compared to the previous year in which the Board had reviewed nineteen (19) applications.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearings Yr. 2007:

Special Use Permits	1
Special Exceptions	10
Variances	5
Motions for Rehearing	2
Rehearings	1

Appreciation is given to Carolyn Hackwell for the many years she has served as a regular member. Carolyn participated in countless hours of hearings, while maintaining the highest level of professionalism and good cheer. We are fortunate that Carolyn will now serve in the position of Alternate. At the same time, the Board welcomes Harold Perkins as a new regular member of the Board. Mr. Perkins' experience and knowledge will be a great asset.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoning Board of Adjustment

John Boatwright
Carolyn Hackwell, *Alternate*
William Horsfall, *Alternate*
Janet Krzyzaniak, *Chairman*
Toni Gray
Richard Hesse, *Alternate*
Charles Koontz
Harold Perkins

Outside Agency Reports

CAPITAL AREA MUTUAL AID FIRE COMPACT

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This report is presented to the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Fire Compact as a summary of general activities for the 2007 calendar year. It is also forwarded to the governing bodies of the Compact's member communities for informational purposes.

The Compact provides emergency fire and rescue services, including emergency dispatch service, to its twenty member communities. The Compact's primary operational area is 711 square miles with a resident population of 124,773. We also participate in mutual aid responses to additional communities beyond the Compact area.

Dispatch services are provided by the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center. The staffing levels at Dispatch are eight shift dispatchers and the Dispatch Supervisor.

This staffing level provides a minimum of two on-duty dispatchers at all times. Dispatched incidents in 2007 increased by 2.7% to a total of 22,518. A detailed report by community is attached.

The Chief Coordinator responded to 193 incidents in 2007, assisted departments with incident management on major incidents, and handles the Compact's administrative functions with a part-time Administrative Assistant. The Chief participates on several state and regional committees that affect mutual aid operations.

The 2001 Command Vehicle was replaced with a 2007 GMC Yukon XL. This vehicle was designed and equipped with digital radio functions for interoperable communications with other public safety agencies, and functions as a Command Post on all mutual aid incidents. It has a rear mounted console to aid Incident Commanders with planning, operational, and safety functions, and has Computer Aided Dispatch status information available at the front and rear of the vehicle, with GPS and mapping data.

The Compact has continued to receive Homeland Security grant funding

to continue the radio upgrades to digital capability. We received and installed five new digital base stations at remote hilltop locations in Concord, Epsom, Hopkinton, Pembroke, and Warner under the grant program. In 2008, we hope to replace console equipment at our dispatch facility in Concord with new digital equipment.

The 2007 Compact operating budget was $ 829,765. All Compact operations, including the Chief Coordinator's position, office, command vehicle, and dispatch services are provided through this budget. Funding by the member communities is based on a combination of property values and population. Some computers and monitors at Dispatch were upgraded or replaced_through the budget this year. The regional concept of providing emergency fire and rescue services and sharing of the support costs continues to be the most economical method of supplying these services in our communities.

The Compact Training Committee chaired by Assistant Chief Dick Pistey for the last 22 years, with members Chief Keith Gilbert, Chief George Ashford, and Deputy Chief Peter Angwin assisted all departments in hosting at least one mutual aid training exercise during the year. Mutual aid drills involve several departments and test the system capabilities in fire suppression, emergency medical, mass casualty, rescue, hazardous materials, incident management, and personnel safety. We thank the Training Committee for their continuing support to the Compact.

The Central New Hampshire HazMat Team, representing 55 communities in Capital Area and Lakes Region mutual aid systems continues to train and responds to hazardous materials incidents in our combined coverage area. The team operates with three response units and will welcome personnel interested in becoming active members. We appreciate and thank the team members for their dedication in providing this important emergency service.

Lastly, I am very pleased that so many member communities have seen fit to distribute the Capital Area Fire Compact annual reports to their residents as part of their own Town/City Reports or by other means. Hopefully, this leads to a better understanding of how some of your emergency services function on a day to day basis.

We encourage all departments to send representatives and actively participate in all Compact meetings. Your input is needed on all issues and your members

need to be informed of Compact activities and planning.

Thanks to all departments for your great cooperation.

Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.

Dick Wright, *Chief Coordinator*
Capital Area Fire Compact

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact
2006 to 2007 Case Numbers Issued

ID#	*Town*	*2006 Incidents*	*2007 Incidents*	*% Change*
50	Allenstown	719	772	7.4%
51	Boscawen	255	247	-3.1%
52	Bow	1176	1265	7.6%
53	Canterbury	279	283	1.4%
54	Chichester	491	540	10.0%
55	Concord	7665	7731	0.9%
56	Epsom	1016	994	-2.2%
57	Dunbarton	218	212	-2.8%
58	Henniker	895	888	-0.8%
60	Hopkinton	1088	1135	4.3%
61	Loudon	829	841	1.4%
62	Pembroke	407	420	3.2%
63	Hooksett	1917	2077	16.9%
64	Penacook RSQ	639	624	-2.3%
65	Webster	207	154	-25.6%
66	CNH Haz Mat	6	7	16.7%
71	Northwood	557	579	3.9%
72	Pittsfield	770	726	-5.7%
74	Salisbury	149	129	-13.4%
79	Tri-Town Ambulance	1844	2004	9.6%
80	Warner	387	432	11.6%
82	Bradford	214	250	16.8%
84	Deering	196	208	6.1%
		21924	**22518**	**2.7%**
Telephone Calls		66267	66501	.04%
CAD Incidents Created		23135	23666	2.3%

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Hopkinton is a member in good standing of the Commission.

The Commission's mission is to improve, through education, training, and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission also provides a variety of planning services, including consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; access to Census information and other data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, geographic information systems (GIS) mapping, build-out analysis preparation, and other land use and transportation planning-related assistance.

On behalf of the Town of Hopkinton in 2007, CNHRPC staff:

- Provided technical assistance to local officials and citizens, as issues related to land use, transportation, environmental, economic, and general planning.
- Reviewed Hopkinton Village District Water Withdrawal Permit.
- Worked with the Planning Board to conduct an analysis of future buildout based on the current zoning ordinance and land use regulations. The process was started in 2005 and finished in July 2007. The goal of the project was to determine the number of potential residential lots as well as the amount of developable commercial and industrial acreage.
- Prepared an application and received funds to begin the process of developing and implementing the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway's corridor management plan using the Context Sensitive Solution approach. The Currier and Ives scenic byway is a state-designated byway in Merrimack County and runs through the towns of Salisbury, Webster, Hopkinton, and Henniker. Because very little of required inventory and documentation process that are now required for designation was ever done and because there is little awareness of the existence of the scenic byway within the towns it travels through, the CNHRPC sought and received a "seed grant" to begin the corridor

management plan. The proposed steps include interviewing and identifying stakeholders and begin inventory process, educating public, local officials and stakeholders, resource inventory and maps, developing, refining, and adopting a problem statement.

- Assisted the Town in preparing and submitting a Safe Routes to School Application.

In addition to the local services described above, in 2007 the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission:

- Held four Commission meetings (in February, June, September, and November) with programs including an explanation of bridge conditions in New Hampshire, discussions on social capital, and other topics. Commission meetings for 2008 are scheduled for February 21st, June 12th, September 11th, and November13th (confirm on our website). Meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.
- Provided general local planning assistance to member municipalities and responded to inquiries regarding zoning ordinance, subdivision regulation, and site plan review regulation revisions.
- Coordinated workshops related to Planning Board process and general land use/transportation planning issues.
- Coordinated three meetings of the Conservation Commission Institute. Primarily oriented at the CTAP communities, the CCI brings representatives of the region's communities, conservation organizations, and state agencies together to work on conservation and natural resource issues that affect the overall region.
- Conducted nearly 200 traffic counts throughout the region.
- Finalized the update of the FY 2009-2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and attended six public hearings help by the GACIT (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) throughout the region.
- Organized and hosted meetings of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC:
 - Renders technical advice to the CNHRPC regarding transportation plans, programs, and projects;
 - Evaluates and ranks application for the Transportation Enhancement

(TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs. Each program is competitive statewide with more than 3 million dollars in federal funding per year for the TE program and 7 million for the CMAQ program.

- Evaluates and ranks projects within the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Regional TIP provides an avenue for projects to be considered for inclusion within the Statewide 10 Year Transportation Improvement Plan which is the guiding document for all major highway improvements on state roads.
- Reviews and recommends adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan.

- Provided continuing technical assistance to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) and assisted in the UMRLAC Management Plan update.
- Through the N.H. Department of Environmental Services support to the 9 regional planning commissions through the Regional Environmental Planning (REPP) Program, 2007 REPP work items included drafting the first volume of an innovative land use handbook to be distributed to communities and refinements to the Sprawl Indicators GIS data and mapping project.
- Prepared numerous region-wide grant applications, including an EPA Brownsfield grant, local source water protection grant applications,

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us on the internet at www.cnhrpc.org.

Summary of Services 2007 Provided to Hopkinton Residents by the Concord Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value $18.19 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both the WIC Program and CSFP but a family may have members on both programs.)	PACKAGES – 108	PERSONS – 9	$1,964.52
CONGREGATE MEALS- All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activitiesand special events. Value $6.68 per meal.	MEALS – 655	PERSONS – 11	$4,375.40
TRANSPORTATION provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack Counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites. Value $7.92 per ridership.	RIDES – 120	PERSONS – 2	$950.40
MEALS-ON-WHEELS provides the delivery o nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value $6.71 per meal.	MEALS – 4913	PERSONS – 39	$32,966.23
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value $5.00 per meal.	MEALS – 0	PERSONS – 0	

Summary of Services 2007 Provided to Hopkinton Residents by the Concord Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap/Merrimack Counties, Inc.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
FUEL ASSISTANCE is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2006-07 program was $643.00.	APPLICATIONS – 65	PERSONS – 148	$42,627.12
ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 5% to 70% on electic bills for income eligible households.	HOUSEHOLDS – 69		$25,518.96
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at $47.46 per unit.	VOUCHERS – 276	PERSONS – 23	$13,098.96
HEAD START is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their famlies. Value $8000 per child.	CHILDREN – 1		$8,000.00
SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM provides income eligible seniors with meaningful training and employment experiences within community based non-profit agencies. Seniors are paid for twenty hours of work weekly until appropriate unsubsidized employment is found.	HOURS – 348.5	PERSONS – 1	$2,007.36

Summary of Services 2007 Provided to Hopkinton Residents by the Concord Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap/Merrimack Counties, Inc.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
WEATHERIZATION improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households. Supplemental program also includes furnace replacement,water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.	HOMES – 4	PERSONS – 10	$5,597.00
THE FIXIT PROGRAM mobilizes volunteers, especially skilled occupations such as plumbers and electricians, to assist elderly clients with small household repairs.	HOUSEHOLDS – 6	JOBS – 6	$467.00
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM provides friendly visiting and respite services for home-bound elderly. Income eligible seniors (60+) serve as companions. Value to companions includes mileage, weekly stipend ($5.74 per hour). Value to visitees is comparable to similar private sector services($6.87 per hour).	HOURS – 88	VISITEES – 1	$604.56
USDA COMMODITY SURPLUS foods are now distributed directly to local food pantries and kitchens on a quarterly basis. These pantries and soup kitchens service all in need, not just town residents.	CASES – 323		$4,112.09
		GRAND TOTAL	**$142,289.60**

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL – CAP provides utility, landlord/ tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals fo housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked."

2008 BUDGET

1.	Wheelabrator Concord Company Service Fee		$ 3,522,388
2.	Reconciliation		50,000
3.	Bypass disposal Cost Reserve		224,000
4.	Franklin Residue Landfill		
	a. Operation and Maintenance	$ 1,104,025	
	b. Expansion Sinking Fund	1,200,000	
	c. Closure Fund	82,000	
	d. Long Term Maintenance Fund	114,000	
	Total	**$ 2,500,025**	
5.	Cooperative Expenses, Consultants & Studies		$ 602,412
	TOTAL BUDGET		**$ 6,898,825**
6.	Less: Interest, surplus, and over GAT.		-1,228,000
	Net to be raised by Co-op Communities		**$ 5,670,825**

2008 GAT of 133,263 and Net Budget of $5,670,825 =

Tipping Fee of $42.55 per ton

We are happy to report to all member communities that 2007 marked our eighteenth complete year of successful operations. Some items of interest follow:

The 2008 budget reflects a tipping fee of $42.55 per ton. This represents an increase of $0.05/ton.

A total of 134,358 tons of Co-op waste was delivered to the Wheelabrator facility this year. This represents a decrease of 11,228 tons from 2006.

A total of 60,562 tons of ash were delivered to the Franklin ash monofill for disposal. The ash landfill continues to operate very well. Phase III Stage V is being filled at this time. Phase IV construction has been completed and will provide disposal capacity through 2009. The Phase V permit has been approved. We expect construction to start in 2008.

The Joint Board has approved the continued exploration of the idea of building a single stream recycling facility to improve recycling rates. The Co-op has visited several single stream facilities and has contacted many communities in an effort to determine interest in joining with the Co-op in this effort. A final decision is expected to be made in May of 2008.

2007 was a year of growth and accomplishment for the Contoocook Riverway Association. We reaffirmed our commitment to the restoration of the Contoocook Depot, continued our summer partnership with the Contoocook Farmer's Market, opened the depot to the public on a regular schedule, laid tracks and accepted the donation of a Pullman coach. The farmer's market, which operates from late June to October, brings people to the village every Saturday. The coach brings people every day. Our village is the only place in the country that has a covered bridge, depot and rail car on the original site.

On Monday August 13, 2007 our town welcomed the return of a 1907 Pullman Passenger Coach to the Contoocook Railroad Depot. After nearly a year of planning, this was accomplished by your friends and neighbors who donated their time, materials and expertise. We would like to thank the following people and businesses: David Woodbury of New Boston who donated the coach, Rich Houston who prepared the rail bed, Hermie Blanchette who cleared the site, Hamilton Building Supply who donated the paint for the coach, Foster Materials who donated ballast and hard pack, Swenson granite who donated the rails and Chris Rose Trucking for bringing them to the site, Alpha Chevrette who donated spikes, plates, connector plates and specialized tools to construct the track, MultiWeld for donating machining services for the rails, Michie Corporation for donating the use of a flatbed that Al Martin used to transport the wheels from New Boston to the track in Contoocook, Dick, Susan and Butch Joos, our local dedicated train movers, Dan Hurley of Quick Pick Crane who coordinated the entire operation, and Chris Weldon of Weldon Transportation who delivered the coach to the depot. Dimitri's Restaurant fed the crew and Alex McIntire photographed the process. In addition, Phil Cole Sr. dug a ditch for conduit pipe and Karl Goodman of Mamakating Electric electrified the coach. Sean McClure of McClure Plumbing and Heating donated service to shut down water for the winter months.



We have ambitious goals for 2008. We want to weatherize the depot and continue restoration of the

coach. We want to catalogue and display memorabilia and expand our hours. A schedule of events for 2008 will be released in the spring.

With your support we will continue to reconnect with our railroad heritage. Consider joining us as a board or committee member. We especially need help cataloging memorabilia and organizing fundraising events. Send your tax deductible donation to PO Box 789, Contoocook, N.H. 03229. Support our fundraising events such as Handmade Holidays and summer raffle. And stop by Saturday mornings this summer for the Farmer's Market and to visit your railroad depot and coach.

Respectfully submitted,

Contoocook Riverway Association Board Members

Ginni Haines
Mark Winzeler
Dane Malcolm
Bruce Gardner
Audrey Gardner
Chip Chesley
Brenda Scordo
Tom Vernon

The mission statement of the Hopkinton Lions Club, established in 1979, is to assist community members in need, the hearing disabled, those afflicted with diabetes, and adults and children facing the prospect of sight loss or who are already blind.

In the calendar year 2007 the Hopkinton Lions Club raised approximately $8700.00 through fundraising. Our most notable fundraising efforts are the annual 5K-road race, the yard sale and the annual Christmas tree sale.

One hundred percent (100%) of all monies raised by the Lions Club go back out as contributions for needed services. With monies raised we were able to make local charitable contributions, a $2500.00 academic scholarship to a Hopkinton resident for continuing education, the Contoocook Grange for dictionaries for Harold Martin School students, a contribution to Concord's Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as free eye examinations and glasses and contributions to other local charities and organizations.

Internationally, contributions were made to Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for the training of Seeing Eye dogs for the visually impaired, Lions Club Youth Development, Lions Club Sight & Hearing Foundation, and Lions Club Twin State Soccer Tournament. The Hopkinton Lions Club has also pledged to



Lions Ted Story and Dave Forest toss out candy at the annual 4th of July parade

raise $10,000.00 on behalf of the Lions Club International Sightfirst II worldwide campaign to combat preventable blindness.

The members are especially proud of the donations made on behalf of the Hopkinton Food Pantry. In October the club answered the pleas of the food pantry by sponsoring an emergency food drive to collect much needed cash and food items to restock food supplies. In December the club presented the food pantry with a check for $3000.00 to help the outfitting of their new quarters in the Slusser Senior Center and an additional cash donation for holiday gift baskets.

The Lions are the organizational sponsor for local Cub Scout Pack 77 working together on the annual Scouting for Food drive and the Pack's Pinewood Derby. Club members held an ice cream social at the Pinewood Derby for the participants and their families and attended the Cub Pack's Annual Blue and Gold Banquet in February.

The Hopkinton Lions Club meets at 6:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Blaser's Fireside Tavern, Main St., Hopkinton NH. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Lions Club please contact Dave Forest at 746-4744.

Respectfully submitted,
Hopkinton Lions Club
June Wallace, *Treasurer*

We Serve



Lions Dave [illegible] Clarke Kidder and Keith Wallace package food and cash donations for the Hopkinton Food Pantry's emergency food drive

Well 2007 has come and gone and I am pleased to report that the Rescue Squad was dispatched to only 57 calls (46 motor vehicle, 10 fires, and 1 missing person). These numbers are down from 87 calls in 2006. At this time I would like to thank the squad members who share their time and abilities - Lt. Mike Chalfant, Dick Schoch, Jake Schoch, Jimma Schoch, Greg Dockham, Sarah Taylor, Terry Blaser, William Chalfont, Alex Fennimore and Tyler Stock

During the past year the Squad performed numerous trainings, one of these training sessions was a heights or steep angle rescue class where members and two firemen participated in basic rope tying, repelling and patient recovery using various mechanical advantage systems. Even though the squad had given up an entire weekend they told me they had thoroughly enjoyed participating in this class.

If any resident would like give something back to their community by joining the Rescue Squad, please come to a meeting, we meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Rescue Squad Incorporated

Daniel Blanchette, *Captain*



Rotary is proud of its long tradition and pursuit of our motto "Service Above Self". 41 Hopkinton residents and/or business leaders strive to live this theme in our everyday lives. Meeting at the First Congregational Church every Wednesday at 7:15 am we share a strong sense of fellowship and devote our energy to contributing positively to society. Our efforts are divided between local, international, and vocational projects. We pride ourselves in the fact that we are all active participants helping the less fortunate in our world.

Our mission would not be possible without the support of our many businesses and most importantly you, the residents of Hopkinton and Contoocook. Your generous support of our events and fund raisers has provided us with the financial means to "make a difference". Our sincere gratitude is extended to all who help make our dream a reality!!

We are proud to sponsor and to be able to say that our Interact Club is among the largest and most active in the State. Interact members, under the direction of Mrs. Harb, raise their own funds and pick their own community service projects. In addition to the well publicized projects in Honduras, they have also participated in many local service projects. Their projects have transformed lives. Their selflessness contributes to a better and more understanding global society. Our Interactors are making a difference that we should all be proud of!

Locally we have continued our tradition of being one of the largest donors of scholarships to graduating seniors. $10,000 was awarded to many students during the Spring Awards Ceremony. 2007 saw the completion of years of work restoring the Civil War Park in Hopkinton Village. The stone wall, walking path, new shrubs, granite benches, flag pole, and the beautiful granite monument all are testament to our appreciation, respect, and gratitude to all the veterans that gave "service above self" in their own way. We are all extremely proud of this park and invite you to visit and enjoy it yourselves.

Internationally, we continue to support the Amigos de Honduras project as well as Clean Water for the World. Our student exchange program ensures a safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved. This year we concluded the stay of Mirta Coric of Croatia and welcomed Riccardo Colonna of Italy. We also welcomed Pam



Keilig back from Germany and wish Michael Blanco well with his stay in Germany. These exchanges and other programs throughout the world help us in our quest for world peace.

Rotary is an international organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries. We welcome you to join us and help us in our work of Rotary.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Rotary Club

David S. Feller
President 2007/2008

The 92nd annual Hopkinton State fair was held from August 30th through September 3rd, 2007. Our estimated attendance was over 91 thousand. This was an impressive year, as we did not experience rain, which would normally impede the attendance.

Governor John Lynch and his wife, Dr. Susan Lynch, First Lady of New Hampshire, attended on Sunday. Accompanied with them were former President, Bill Clinton, and Senator Hilary Clinton. Governor Lynch reported, "Having a wonderful time. And that it was nice to see so many people gathered to enjoy the Fair and to take part in such a wonderful New Hampshire tradition."

Agriculture exhibits this year included home and garden, livestock shows, horse and oxen pulling. This year we welcomed back Beef Cattle into our tradition of livestock shows. Our exhibitors in both agricultural and home arts provided outstanding projects to be seen and enjoyed by all. Approximately $79,000 in premiums was paid to our exhibitors. The Morrill Family Farm Museum, the Maple Sugar House, and Charmingfare Farm's Barnyard Petting Farm provided daily exhibits.

Special shows and demonstrations entertained all who experienced the excitement of these events. These events included Forever Locked, Granite State Draft Horse and Pony Association Wagon Rides, Sandscapes, Sheep Herding Demonstrations by David Kennard of Wellscroft Farm, Free Cycle Bikes and Skateboards, MooMania on the Country Porch Stage, and the Magic of Ron Diamond.

Our Grandstand events began on Thursday night with the Battle of the Bands, and on both Thursday and Friday nights, the Stock Farm, and Garden Tractor Competitions were enjoyed watching the neighbors and friends competing. Our Saturday and Monday night Demolition Derbies again drew large crowds and fierce competition. Along with the NTPA Truck and Tractor Pull on Sunday.

Seasonal events take place throughout each year. Naming a few of nearly forty events, we had the Sheep and Wool Festival, the Local Taxpayers Picnic, and both the Qualifying 4-H Horse and Working Steer Shows. Most events are either sponsored by and benefited non-profit organizations.

This past year we once again supported the Hopkinton High School graduating class of 2007, by hosting their graduation ceremonies in the Durgin Arena. The use of the fairgrounds also hosted the Hopkinton High School Homecoming in October 2007. Our main parking lot continues to be the

location of lacrosse fields for teams of Hopkinton throughout the summer and in the winter. The lot is also home of the Hopkinton Cross-Country Ski Course and provides the cross-country course for several Junior Varsity and Varsity meets. The Hopkinton Recreation Department continues to utilize for open public use, our horse show ring as a skating rink.

We continue to look forward to a healthy partnership with both the citizens and the organizations within the town of Hopkinton.

The dates of the 93rd Hopkinton State Fair will be August 27th through September 1st, 2008. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 746-4191, or refer to our website at www.hsfair.org.

Respectively submitted,

Hopkinton State Fair Board of Directors

Dale M. Rozek, *Secretary*

For over 65 years, the Hopkinton Woman's Club continues to serve our community through a strong mission to unite women for fellowship and to address the needs of our town through sharing our time, knowledge, and talents. Our common desire for fellowship and interest in the community, our great state and the world beyond continues to be at the core of our club. The club is non-partisan and non-sectarian and encourages all women interested in our organization to join in the fun.

In 2007, the club was pleased to donate $15,000 to the Slusser Senior Center. Funds raised from the sale of the "Stone Walls and Warm Hearths" cookbook, published in 2001, allowed us to make this generous donation. Our contribution will help furnish the senior center lobby, welcoming all in the community who enter.

Dial-A-Ride has a new home in the Slusser Senior Center and is one of the club's original community programs, celebrating its 30 year anniversary in 2008. The volunteer program was started by one of our own members, Anne Slusser, who recognized the need in our community. Dial-A-Ride continues its original goal of providing transportation for those in need. In 2007, 225 rides were given to seniors unable to drive themselves to medical appointments. We are very grateful for the many years of support from community members who both drive and work in the office.

Community members can request assistance by calling 746-4357 Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please drop by the Slusser Senior Center and leave a message for Pat Dawson or Cathy Rothwell.

The Hopkinton Woman's Club continues another tradition providing assistance to the Food Pantry. Every November the club hosts a community-wide food drive to collect cash and non-perishable food items for the community's most needy. This year, approximately 70 bags of food were collected for the pantry. Thanks to Gwynne Burkhardt, a permanent collection site is available at the Contoocook TD Banknorth branch. Also, the club collects food donations from Woman's Club members at events throughout the year. The need for food assistance continues to grow and we are happy to provide this support.

Since 1953, the Woman's Club provides deserving Hopkinton High School graduates with scholarships to further their education. This year, through generous contributions collected from community members, club members and area businesses, $12,000 was awarded. The Scholarship Committee selected 14 students who displayed realistic goals, potential for success in their chosen field



Jennifer Dexter, Tammy Clay, Kathy Thesing, Kim Masinick and Cathy Rothwell prepare lunch for the Seniors.



Deanne Pelletier, Beth Sargent, Tammy Clay, Roxanne Benzell, Kim Masinick and Kathy Thesing staff the Pedaling for Pennies rest stop on Briar Hill Road.



Don Lane thanks Alex Lawrance for the $15,000 donation to the Slusser Senior Center at the Dedication Ceremony.



Alex Lawrence, Elizabeth Clark, Kristen Carroll and Cathy Rothwell enjoy a laugh at the Fall Welcome Wine and Cheese Gathering.

and possessed good character to receive a scholarship.

This year marked the club's second year participating in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Pedaling for Pennies fundraising event. The Woman's Club staffed two rest areas and provided homemade treats for fundraising cyclists as they rode a 25 or 50 mile route through Concord, Contoocook and Hopkinton. The funds raised support the Gene Gillis Fund that assists cancer patients by providing funds for transportation, nutritional supplements and other needed incidentals. Thanks to the wonderful efforts from our very own Sharon Nall and all those involved, $30,000 was raised for this truly worthwhile cause.

In 2007, the Woman's Club was happy to support the following organizations through our Community Outreach Program:

- Blackwater Nordic Ski Program;
- Contoocook Riverway Association;
- Payson Center for Cancer Care "Pedaling for Pennies";
- St. Paul's Advanced Study Program;
- Timothy Carroll Defibrillator Program;
- Dial-A-Ride;
- 4H Defibrillator Program.

In 2008, our plans include a BIG TRUCK SHOW. This will be a community-wide fundraising event held at Milton-Caterpillar in Warner on October 12th. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to explore, climb, and ask about big trucks and heavy equipment of all shapes and sizes. There also will be games, refreshments and fun for the whole family.

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for special events and fellowship. Focus groups provide individuals with common interests to pursue similar goals. The following focus groups are active on an ongoing basis: AIDS Project, Arts and Artists, Bulb Sales, Gourmet Group, Stitching Group, the Welcome Group, the Outing Club and the Book Club.

If you have a special interest, are looking for fellowship, or have questions or comments about what we do or how we can help you, please contact the Hopkinton Woman's Club toll free at 1-866-492-2665 or write to Post Office Box 24, Contoocook, NH 03229. We would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Hopkinton Woman's Club
Deanne Pelletier, *President*



Magdalen Mammama tells a little ones fortune at the Recreation Department's Haunted Village.

Community Involvement through Youth Sports

HYSA is a non-profit organization run exclusively by community volunteers. Our sole purpose is to provide opportunities for children to play team sports in an instructional and competitive environment. Sportsmanship and fair play are the fundamental precepts of our organization and we currently offer spring tee-ball, softball and baseball, fall soccer, and winter basketball for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

HYSA programs have an average of 225 participants every season with over 700 signups in 2007 and over 3000 signups over the past five years. These programs have been fully organized and maintained by volunteers. HYSA is an independent organization that does not currently request any resources from the Hopkinton Recreation Department.

Through the contributions of families, sponsorships and local businesses, HYSA annually provides approximately 9000 hours of volunteering for managing its programs and coaching teams. At the same time, HYSA contributes additional volunteer hours for planning and constructing many town facility improvements. HYSA has contributed over $110,000 since the year 2000 for recreational improvements including: the purchase of land for the Town on Park Avenue, a concessions and bathroom facility at Houston Fields, multiple baseball field dugouts, field fencing and safety improvement projects, baseball and softball batting cages, and new school basketball backboards to name a few. In 2008/2009, HYSA hopes to complete the development of a 90' baseball field and practice facility.



HYSA is committed to community involvement through youth sports. We believe in the positive influence that team participation has in the social development of our children as future community stakeholders. Some of the proven benefits of youth sports include:

1. Having fun with their peers in a safe competitive environment.
2. Opportunities for leadership and social development while handling success and failure.
3. Experiencing how rules work both for individuals as well as an overall group.
4. Learning how to be involved in competition, but within a system where the consequences of losing are minimized and the benefits of working as a team are emphasized.
5. Increased self-esteem and self-confidence, a healthier body image, increased experiences of competency and success, as well as reduced risk of chronic diseases.
6. Better academic results than their non-athletic counterparts.

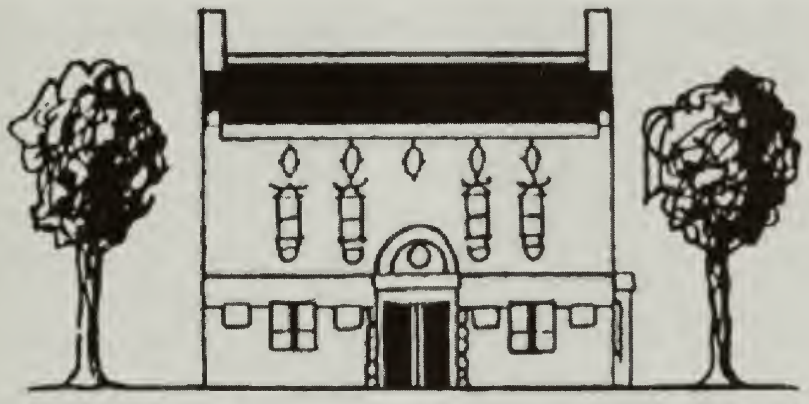
HYSA is passionate about providing youth sports programs and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town and everyone in the community who helped support our sports programs in 2007. We look forward to continuing to build on this strong relationship as we invest in the future of our youth together in the upcoming 2008 season and beyond.

HYSA is always looking for motivated individuals who can contribute to our programs. If you are interested in volunteering time or financial resources to our organization, please contact one of the board members below.

Respectfully submitted,

HYSA Board of Directors

Darren Winslow	**Mark Colgan**	**Jackie Nelson**	**Dave Chase**
President	*Vice President*	*Treasurer*	**Brenda Quinn**
Brenda White	**Mike Byrne**	**Bob Berliner**	**Kent Symonds**
Dave Beckwith	**David White**	**Clark Houx**	**John Greabe**
Dan Guarente	**Wade Morris**	**Martin Marklin**	
Bob Ferguson	**Henrietta Luneau**	**John Bassi**	



"The purpose of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, a not-for-profit organization, is to investigate, collect, preserve, and communicate whatever may relate to the history of the Town of Hopkinton and its people. To fulfill this purpose, the Society shall collect, maintain, interpret, and make available to the public such books, papers, artifacts, and related materials as may serve to document or illuminate the town's history. In addition, the Society recognizes a responsibility to promote and disseminate the study and understanding of Hopkinton and New Hampshire history through scholarly inquiry, exhibitions, programs, and publications." NHAS Bylaws

The Antiquarian Society, founded in 1859 by Hopkinton residents George Crowell, Darwin Blanchard, and Silas Ketchum, was originally known as The Philomathic Club. It was incorporated as the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society in 1875. The Society moved to its present location in 1890 when Lucia A. D. Long donated funds for the construction of a building in memory of her late husband, William Harrison Long, a Hopkinton native and Philomathic Club member.

With over 350 members today, the Society offers, exhibits, programs and special events throughout the year for its members as well as the general public. It is supported by membership dues and donations; a members' newsletter is published three times a year.

Programs offered in 2007 included: a volunteer tea in February to recognize all those who contributed their time and energy to the Society during the previous year; a performance by musician Jeff Dearborn and Friends at the NHAS annual meeting in March; a book signing for the Society's newest publication *Our Town, Hopkinton, NH* with author Rose Hanson in April; a lecture by art historian Hetty Startup on the development of the art colony, "Artist Colonies

Near and Far" in July; "A Visit With Otto Heino" featuring famed potter Otto Heino who spoke on his philosophy of life and work in August; the 17th Annual Art Show and Sale "Tomorrow's Masterpieces" (September-November); a "Last Chance Night" for the Art Show with a performance by the Woody Roberts Band in November; a tour of the historic Dr. John Currier home, c. 1790, with architectural historian Ned Pratt in November; and "Banjos, Bones, and Ballads" featuring folksinger Jeff Warner with traditional songs rich in local history in December.

Exhibits during 2007 included: An exhibit of spring hats "Signs of Spring" graced the newly re-opened exhibit space on the 2nd floor.

The 250th anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton was the subject of the "Going to Church" exhibit on first floor during the spring and summer months. Items from the NHAS collection included musical instruments and photographs, church records, and objects relating to the time period from 1757-2007.

The 2nd floor gallery was the location of the "Hopkinton's Art Colony, c. 1950" exhibit which featured artists who lived and worked in Hopkinton in the mid-1950s. They included: potters Vivika and Otto Heino; architect and arts' supporter David Campbell; author and writing teacher Mildred Reid; and dancers and choreographers Grace and Kurt Graff as well as longtime Hopkinton resident Paul Reck. The exhibit included pieces of Heino pottery from the NHAS collection and additional pottery and other memorabilia loaned to NHAS by area residents.

Exhibits in our 1st floor display cabinet included: "Time for Tea" featuring tea accoutrements and antique Valentines from the NHAS collection; First Congregational Church records, and Hopkinton Fair memorabilia including items lent by Doris Price.

In 2007, the Antiquarian Society published Rose Hanson's third book, *Our Town, Hopkinton, New Hampshire; My Recollections of Our Heritage, Our People, Our Folklore*. We are indebted to Rose for her work in documenting her knowledge of Hopkinton and its history. A highlight of the book's release was her interview on the Channel 9 television program 'NH Chronicle' with Jennifer Compton in September. All proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Antiquarian Society.

The Antiquarian Society also participated in programs for school-aged residents. The second grade classes at Harold M. Martin School were visited by



Otto Heino spoke on his pottery and philosophy in August.



Jeff Dearborn and friends provided entertainment for the Annual Meeting in March. Photo by Bill Monroe.

museum staff to learn about the early history of Hopkinton and view historic artifacts. In May, the fourth grade students from the Maple Street School took a walking tour of Main Street with museum staff to learn about Hopkinton's history and the growth of Main Street.

As the historical society for the town of Hopkinton, the Antiquarian Society offers genealogical and historical research to the public. We have copies of abstracted deeds and vital records, information on many family histories, town reports, and state papers available for research purposes. The Society is contacted frequently for information from people throughout the country with inquiries.

Thanks to the diligent collecting of its founding members, the generous donations by members and area residents, and the selective purchases of the Library and Museum Committees, the Society owns over 5000 artifacts, nearly 700 books as well as letters, diaries, photographs, and ephemera. As part of our on-going cataloging project, volunteers Catherine Roberts and Fred Kavulic continue to document objects to enter the information into our electronic database. This database base has proved it usefulness in searching



Carol Duston led the fourth graders on a tour of Hopkinton's Main Street.

for object information for general inquires, exhibit planning and collection management.

Chase Park which is located across from the Cracker Barrel Store in Hopkinton is also a part of the Antiquarian Society. It is a lovely garden cared for by volunteers Inge Eddy, Jackie Rietveld, Debbie Monroe, Peg Kimball, Ben Wilson and Green Horizon Landscaping and offers a granite bench to sit and enjoy a lunch or to just simply watch life go by.

The Antiquarian Society is located in the William H. Long Building at 300 Main Street in Hopkinton Village. The Society is open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. You may contact us at 746-3825 or nhas@tds.net. Please visit our website: www.nhantiquarian.org for a calendar of upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

New Hampshire Antiquarian Society

Nancy A. White
Executive Director

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	**Amount Recycled In 2007**	**Environmental Impact!** Here is *only one* benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	13,860 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 1,410,394 hours!
Paper	452 tons	Saved 7,681 trees!
Plastics	32 tons	Conserved 48,615 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	160 tons	Conserved 159,911 pounds of coal!
Steel	18,120 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 471,120 hours!

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

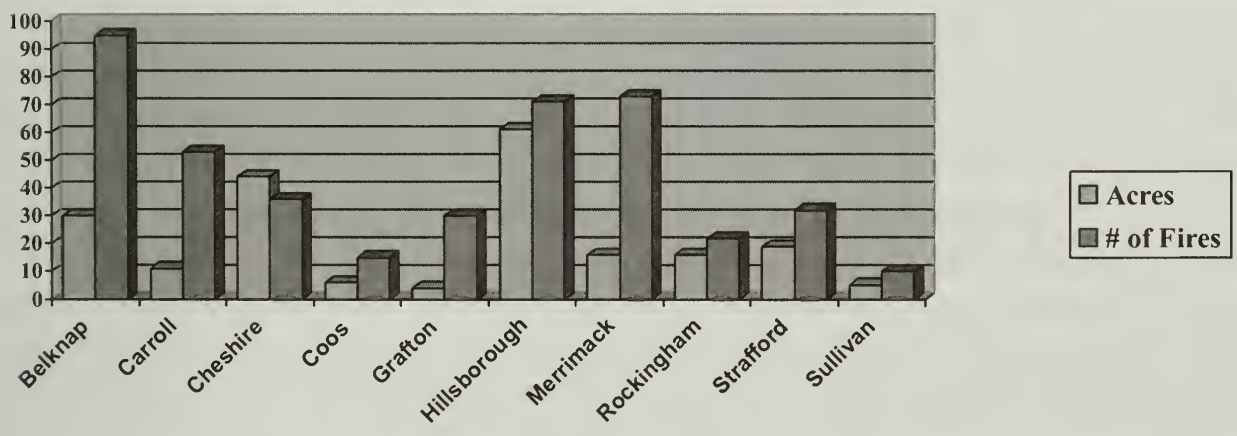
Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	*Acres*	*# of Fires*
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger
2007 Fire Statistics

Causes of Fires Reported		*Year*	*Total Fires*	*Total Acres*
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Debris	197	2006	500	473
Campfire	38	2005	546	174
Children	22	2004	482	147
Smoking	41	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119			

*(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)*

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

For 93 years, UNH Cooperative Extension, the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, has engaged New Hampshire residents with a broad variety of non-formal educational offerings. One in four Merrimack County residents took advantage of at least one Extension program last year.

We offer programs in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special interest programs and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low-income families, and acculturation for refugee families. We respond to the needs of forest landowners, commercial farmers, niche growers, farmers' markets, and many other groups.

Merrimack County Extension educators also work extensively with towns and school districts, organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields, landscaped areas, and town forests. We provide guidance to community boards on current use, timber tax law, and other land use issues. We also help social service agencies plan programs and stay current with the latest research and best practices.

Our county staff participate—and sometimes take leadership roles—in many state and local coalitions, among them the Franklin Asset Building Coalition, Concord Asset Building Coalition, the Concord Substance Abuse Coalition, the Timberland Owners Association, N.H. Farm and Forest Exposition board, Ausbon Sargent Land Trust outreach committee, N.H. Association for Infant Mental Health, the state Marriage and Family Advisory Board, and the N.H. Volunteer Administrators Association.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact-sheet notebooks to all town libraries and our educators are often a guest of WPTL Radio (107.7 FM), which offers information to residents throughout the station's listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The number for the Info Line is 1-877-398-4769. Last year, the Info Line handled more than 684 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Finally, UNH Extension trains and supports over 4,300 volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors and others, who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension Office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: **www.extension.unh.edu.**

Politician's Reports

2007 has been a good year in the New Hampshire Legislature for the citizens of Hopkinton and New Hampshire. Along with Representatives Derek Owen and Gary Richardson, I am delighted to report that the ban on burning construction and demolition debris, which many Hopkinton residents worked on for the past four years, became reality on June 12, 2007. That morning, Senator Sylvia Larsen, Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Tom Burack, Hopkinton Selectman Scott Flood and I addressed about 100 other advocates as Governor John Lynch signed House Bills 427 and 428 into law. Not only does this legislation have lasting implications for the health of our citizens, it also provides tangible evidence that members of the legislature do take seriously the concerns of those they represent. Hopkinton residents who worked tirelessly for this legislation know now that their voices have been heard.

As your representative, I have heard frequently from many of you, including some who have contacted me to file legislation. After Khristin Carroll lost her son Tim several years ago due to cardiac arrest, she became aware of the lifesaving benefits of Automated External Defibrillators. Thanks to the aptly-named House Bill 911, there is now a joint legislative and citizens' commission working to determine the need and establish a private fundraising effort to provide AEDs in schools and athletic facilities around the state. Another suggestion, this one offered by Chris Lawless, resulted in House Bill 303 which repealed outdated, irrelevant legislation that once banned dancing on Sundays and transporting moving picture films aboard passenger train cars.

Although I did not sponsor this legislation, I have heard from several constituents about House Bill 790 which took effect September 15. This enables young adults to be covered under their parents' health insurance policies through age 25. It applies to unmarried residents of New Hampshire who are insured under their parents' group policies.

Others have contacted me about controversial House Bill 471 which removed workmen's compensation exemption for small business owners, thus driving up their health care costs. After reconsidering the unintended consequences of this bill, the legislature voted to repeal it during its first session on January 2 of this year.

Since first elected in 2002 I have been a member and am now vice chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, the group charged with finding revenues to fund the state's obligations. All agree that for many years, the state

has operated with a structural deficit. While some argue this forces spending down, others say it makes it difficult, if not impossible, to provide many of the services which most New Hampshire citizens consider necessary. In the case of county services, the less the state funds the greater the impact on local property taxes.

The same is true of education. For that reason, I joined the majority of legislators and opposed the constitutional amendment which, at the expense of average communities, would have targeted most state revenues to the neediest school districts. With an amendment, our town likely would receive a smaller percentage of total state funding than it currently does, meaning that Hopkinton's property taxes would not only accelerate their already severe rise, but also that these taxes would continue to fall on some of those least able to pay.

New Hampshire provides the lowest percentage of education funding of any state in the nation. Even those of us who embrace local control should remember that the state mandates a basic core curriculum necessary for graduation. It seems appropriate the state should likewise accept responsibility to pay for these minimal requirements, allowing local communities to add to them if and as they choose. A constitutional amendment is basically an escape clause which leaves communities without recourse. Rather than continue the current cost-shifting, I believe it is the legislature's responsibility to evaluate all serious revenue-generating possibilities, then choose the option(s) likely to be fairest to the greatest number of citizens.

This coming year, I look forward to continuing to work with Rep. Owen whose extensive contributions to the Environment and Agriculture Committee have helped protect our state's natural resources and provide support for dairy and other farming businesses, as well as with Rep. Richardson, who despite being a "freshman" representative, already has contributed importantly to the Judiciary Committee and numerous legislative discussions.

I know I speak for all of us when I say we are honored by your support and will continue to work hard to deserve it by being open and responsive to your concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Christine Hamm, Hopkinton
On behalf of the Merrimack County District 4 Delegation

As your State Senator, I am honored to serve you and wanted to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Hopkinton and Contoocook.

Last session, I concentrated on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: helping New Hampshire's working families by increasing the minimum wage; protecting New Hampshire citizens' health by implementing a smoking ban in restaurants and bars, increasing access to health care by supporting expanded eligibility to health insurance, protecting New Hampshire's special places and open spaces by increasing funding of the Land and Heritage Investment Program, adopting foreclosure protections for consumers, and reducing the high school dropout rate by ensuring attendance to age 18.

I also continued to work on long time policy priorities such as improving access to affordable prescription drugs and improving education and opportunities for college savings for New Hampshire families.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee I am proud that we passed a fiscally responsible state budget for the FY 2008-2009 biennium that meets the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. The budget included the following assistance to the residents of Hopkinton:

FY 2007 State Aid to Hopkinton

Type of Aid	Amount
Special Education	$20,296
School Building Aid	$135,913
School Breakfast	$988
School Lunch	$3,694
Driver Education	$13,050
Tuition & Transportation	$2,270
Adequate Education Grants	$3,195,140
Retirement Contribution – Teachers	$121,988
Flood Control	$164,727
Landfill Closure	$23,731
Water Supply Land Protection	$173,750
Meals & Rooms Distribution	$217,899
Revenue Sharing	$71,975
Retirement Contribution – Police & Fire	$40,441
Highway Block Grant	$159,124
TOTAL	**$4,344,986**

This session, I will be concentrating on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: costing an adequate education, implementing kindergarten in the communities that don't yet offer it, strengthening our laws to improve internet safety for our children, protecting the future of the New Hampshire Retirement System and addressing highway funding and our statewide highway infrastructure. I am also committed to addressing climate change by implementing a cap and trade program (to reduce carbon dioxide emissions).

As a long time advocate of improving opportunities for affordable housing, I continue to support legislative efforts aimed at increasing workforce housing. I look forward to working with State Representatives from the Concord and Hopkinton area on this and wide range of opportunities to support a healthy business climate in our state.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters I might help you with, please call me at (603) 271-2111, or email me at *sylvia.larsen@leg.state.*

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NEED ASSISTANCE?

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Bates Bldg., 846 Main St.,
Contoocook
Telephone: 746-3179 or 3180
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Fax: (603) 746-4011

E-mail:
hoptaxcollector@tds.net
hoptownclerk@tds.net

- Absentee Ballot
- Birth Certificate
- Boat Registration
- Death Certificate
- Dog License
- Election Processes
- Fishing & Hunting License
- Hawker & Peddler License
- Marriage License
- Motor Vehicle Registration
- Notary Public
- OHRV Registration
- Property Tax Payment & Inquiry
- Transfer Station Sticker
- Voter Registration
- Water & Sewer Payments
- Wetlands Application

Selectmen's Office

Town Hall – 330 Main St.,
Hopkinton
Telephone: 746-3170
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Fax: (603) 746-2952
E-mail: *selectmen@tds.net*

Assessing Department
Executive Secretary to Selectmen
Finance Director
Planning/Zoning Director
Recreation Director
Town Administrator

- Blind Exemption Application
- Building/Use Permit Application
- Current Use Application
- Driveway Permit Application
- Elderly Exemption Application
- Intent to Cut Application (Logging & Timbering)
- Minutes of Meetings
- Notary Public
- Property Assessment Card
- Property Information
- Recreation Information
- Sign Permit Application
- Solar Energy Exemption App.
- Tax Maps
- Veteran Credit Application
- Zoning Map
- Zoning & Planning Board Application
- Zoning Regulations
- Zoning Violations

www.hopkinton-nh.gov

1. **What is the "Right to Know" Law RSA 91-A?**

 It is New Hampshire's Statute which emphasizes that the business of the Town is the public's business. It makes clear that, with very few exceptions, the public has access to Town records and meetings held in connection with Town Government.

2. **Who does it cover?**

 All of us, whether we are elected officials, employees, or volunteers serving on Boards of the Town of Hopkinton.

3. **What does it cover?**

 It covers all "meetings". A meeting occurs whenever a quorum of a Board, Committee or Subcommittee gathers and discusses or acts upon a matter over which that Board, Committee, or Subcommittee has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power. The law also requires that the business of a Board be conducted at a meeting, rather than by telephone, E-mail, or private gathering of individuals.

4. **If it is a meeting, what does that mean?**

 A notice of the time and place of the meeting must be posted at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays, and legal holidays) in at least 2 public places.

 The Public is entitled to attend and may record or videotape the proceedings with courtesy permission.

 All votes, with the very few exceptions itemized below, must be taken in open session and not be secret ballot.

 Minutes must be taken and made available to the public within 144 hours.

5. **When can we hold a Nonpublic Session?**

 Rarely – the Right to Know law lists certain limited situations which allow a board to go into nonpublic session. Those situations are:

 *Dismissal, promotion, or setting compensation for public employees RSA 91-A:3 II (a).

 *Consideration of the hiring of a public employee, RSA 91-A:3 II (b).

 *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person – however, this cannot be used to protect a person

who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee RSA 91-A:3 II (c).

*Consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property RSA 91-A:3 II (d).

*Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation, RSA 91-A:3 II (e).

6. How do we go into Nonpublic Session?

A motion must be made which specifically identities the statutory category which is the reason for going into nonpublic session and then, a roll call vote must be taken in which each member's vote on the motion must be recorded.

7. If we go into Nonpublic Session, what then?

Minutes must be taken just as you would in open session.

You must stay to the subject which was the original reason for going into the non-public session; if there is need to discuss other matters which discussion would be covered by a different exemption, you need to first come out of nonpublic session and then vote to go back in under that different exception. It is only in this way that a proper record can be prepared for public review.

The Minutes for the nonpublic session must be made public within 72 hours unless two-thirds of the members, while in nonpublic session, determine that the divulgence of the information likely would adversely effect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, Committee, or Subcommittee, or render the proposed action ineffective, under those circumstances the Minutes may be withheld until those circumstances no longer apply. Action will be required to sequester.

8. Which Public Records are accessible?

The public has access to all records held by the town except to the extent they may fall under one of the exemptions listed above.

9. How quickly do the records need to be supplied?

If the requested record cannot conveniently be made available immediately, there is a deadline of five (5) business days for complying with the request.

10. If there is a question as to whether something is open to the Public, what do I do?

Consult with the Selectmen, and they will get advice from Town Counsel, if necessary.

11. In what format can the public demand that Town records be produced?

Most records are available for photocopying but the Right to Know Law also extends the right to obtain computer disks of material already in the Town's computers. A reasonable charge can be made to cover the cost of providing the copies or disks. In no case, however, does a member of the public have the right to demand that the Town collect, search for, or arrange information that is not already pulled together for the Town's own purposes.

The above is intended as a general outline of the "Right to Know" Law, and is somewhat simplified for ease of description. If you have questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 746-3170.

Town Offices/Departments will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Tuesday	January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day	Monday	January 21, 2008
President's Day	Monday	February 18, 2008
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2008
Fourth of July	Friday	July 4, 2008
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2008
Veteran's Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2008
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2008
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 28, 2008
Christmas Day	Thursday	December 25, 2008

Hopkinton/Warner MSW Facilities
2008 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Eve	Monday – Dec. 31, 2007	Closed at Noon
New Year's Day 2008	Tuesday – Jan. 1, 2008	Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day	Monday - Jan. 21, 2008	Open
President's Day	Monday - Feb. 18, 2008	Open
Memorial Day	Monday - May 26, 2008 Tuesday - May 27, 2008	Closed Open
Independence Day	Friday - July 4, 2008	Closed
Labor Day	Monday - Sept. 1, 2008 Tuesday - Sept. 2, 2008	Closed Open
Veteran's Day	Tuesday - Nov. 11, 2008	Closed
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday - Nov. 27, 2008	Closed
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday - Nov. 28, 2008	Open
Christmas	Thursday - Dec. 25, 2008	Closed
New Year's Day 2008	Thursday - Jan. 1, 2009	Closed

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BUDGET OF THE TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: HOPKINTON

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive	5	$217,693	$218,199	$236,937		$235,937	$1,000
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	5	$251,143	$246,878	$277,273		$277,273	$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	5	$106,609	$108,071	$113,529		$113,529	$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	5	$56,515	$57,068	$120,758		$120,758	$0
4153	Legal Expense	5	$21,000	$32,954	$43,874		$43,874	$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	5	$62,600	$26,079	$24,100		$24,100	$0
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5	$99,529	$96,288	$99,338		$99,338	$0
4194	General Government Buildings	5						
4195	Cemeteries	5	$40,751	$36,479	$42,251		$42,251	$0
4196	Insurance	5	$136,032	$138,743	$128,199		$128,199	$0
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government							
			$991,872	$960,759	$1,086,259	$0	$1,085,259	$1,000
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	6	$651,514	$602,719	$652,089		$652,089	$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	6	$397,152	$396,140	$409,396		$409,396	$0
4220-4229	Fire	6	$249,392	$245,234	$256,557		$256,557	$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	6						$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	6	$1	$0	$1		$1	$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)							$0
			$1,298,059	$1,244,093	$1,318,043	$0	$1,318,043	$0
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS						0	
4311	Administration	8	$536,195	$522,032	$550,202		$544,202	$6,000
4312	Highways & Streets	8	$466,080	$433,553	$516,686		$511,686	$5,000
4313	Bridges							
			$1,002,275	$955,585	$1,066,888	$0	$1,055,888	$11,000

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.							
4316	Street Lighting	8	$1,500	$1,564	$1,530		$1,530	$0
4319	Other							
			$1,500	$1,564	$1,530	$0	$1,530	$0
	SANITATION							
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	8	$586,488	$577,650	$582,167		$582,167	$0
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	8	$41,300	$46,115	$41,300		$41,300	$0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	8	$107,078	$101,091	$107,025		$107,025	$0
			$734,866	$724,856	$730,492	$0	$730,492	$0
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH/WELFARE							
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control	6	$5,816	$5,666	$7,084		$7,084	$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	6&9	$13,812	$13,812	$14,063		$14,063	$0
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	9	$59,102	$58,744	$62,402		$62,402	$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	9	$55,000	$56,456	$55,000		$55,000	$0
			$133,730	$134,678	$138,549	$0	$138,549	$0

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	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	8&10	$354,161	$329,895	$386,803		$364,303	$22,500
4550-4559	Library	11	$270,202	$268,157	$281,006		$274,731	$6,275
4583	Patriotic Purposes	10	$3,400	$3,173	$3,800		$3,400	$400
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
			$627,763	$601,225	$671,609	$0	$642,434	$29,175
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	12	$1,225	$970	$1,665		$840	$825
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	5	$8,000	$0	$2,000		$2,000	$0
			$9,225	$970	$3,665	$0	$2,840	$825
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	13	$377,772	$377,766	$282,133		$282,133	$0
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	13	$149,834	$149,899	$132,499		$132,499	$0
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes							
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
			$527,606	$527,665	$414,632	$0	$414,632	$0
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund						0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			$5,326,896	$5,151,395	$5,431,667	$0	$6,389,667	$42,000

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED								

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	Computer Technology Update	14	$7,500		$34,000		$34,000	$0
	Sludge Removal	14	$0		$10,000		$10,000	$0
	Slusser Senior Center		$12,436		$0		$0	$0
	Benefit Pay Trust Fund	16	$2,500		$2,500		$2,500	$0
	Human Service Trust Fund		$5,000		$0		$0	$0
	Legal Fund		$25,000		$0		$0	$0
	Community Center		$25,000		$0		$0	$0
	Replacement Fire Vehicles	14	$82,500		$60,000		$60,000	$0
	Paramedic Firefighter	7	$0		$52,623		$52,623	$0
	Highway Replacement Vehicles	14	$110,000		$115,000		$115,000	$0
	Transfer Station Equipment	14	$27,500		$27,500		$27,500	$0
	Police Cruiser & Access. Equip.		$33,000		$33,000		$33,000	$0
	Town Hall Renovations		$20,000		$0		$0	$0
	Recreation Shuttle Bus		$5,000		$0		$0	$0
	Town Facilities	16	$25,000		$15,000		$0	$15,000
	Recreation Facilities & Equipment		$5,000		$0		$0	$0
	Library Replace of Lib. Bldg. Syst.	14	$9,000		$12,000		$12,000	$0
	Library Tech. Trust Fund	16	$8,500		$5,500		$5,500	$0
	Library Bldg./Grnds Trust Fund	16	$5,000		$5,000		$5,000	$0
	Police Radio Replacement	15	$0		$7,000		$7,000	$0
	Audio Equipment		$400		$0		$0	$0
	Private Roads	18	$4,000		$4,000		$0	$4,000
								$0
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			$412,336		$383,123		$364,123	$19,000

MS-7 Budget - Town of Hopkinton FY 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		$30,000	$12,576	$20,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		$10,000	$17,549	$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		$55,000	$60,018	$60,018
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		$75,000	$74,988	$74,871
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)				
			$170,000	$165,131	$164,889
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		$1,500	$1,285	$1,300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		$985,000	$983,263	$915,000
3230	Building Permits		$8,000		$10,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		$54,000	$24,254	$15,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		$8,000	$52,017	$15,000
			$1,056,500	$1,060,819	$956,300
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		$69,301	$69,301	$69,301
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		$184,455	$236,027	$236,027
3353	Highway Block Grant		$163,586	$157,097	$157,097
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		$800	$795	$800
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		$164,727	$164,727	$164,727
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		$24,834	$35,599	$23,834
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
			$607,703	$663,546	$651,786
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		$518,922	$479,494	$485,000
3409	Other Charges				
			$518,922	$479,494	$485,000
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		$0	$4,921	$1,000
3502	Interest on Investments		$95,000	$129,416	$95,000
3503-3509	Other		$70,797	$105,564	$125,000
			$165,797	$239,901	$221,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
	SubTotal of Revenues		$2,518,922	$2,608,891	$2,478,975

MS-7 Budget - Town of _____ FY _____

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds		107,078	96,192	107,025
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		4,000	23,063	14,000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		$2,630,000	$2,728,146	$2,600,000

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	$5,326,896	$5,431,667	$5,389,667
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)			
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	$412,336	$383,123	$364,123
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	$5,739,232	$5,814,790	$5,753,790
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	$2,630,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$3,109,232	$3,214,790	$3,153,790

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: $5,887,171
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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Rev. 07/07

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21

VERSION # 1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT: HOPKINTON Fiscal year end 2008

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total **RECOMMENDED** by Budget Comm.> (See Posted Budget MS&, 27 or 37	5,389,667
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	282,133
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	132,499
4.Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33::7-b	0
5. Mandatory Assessments	0
6.Tota; exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	-414,632
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	4,975,035
8. Line 7 Times 10%	497,504
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	5,887,171

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.
Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

	Town	Contoocook Village Precinct	Hopkinton Village Precinct
Value of land			
Current use	$1,879,984	$102,831	$19,750
Conservation restriction	$252,586	$0	$0
Discretionary easement	$16,482	$0	$0
Discretionary preservation easement	$2,450	$420	$550
Residential	$262,918,400	$57,646,800	$17,734,400
Commercial/ Industrial	$9,773,300	$4,883,800	$805,300
Total taxable land	**$274,843,202**	**$62,633,851**	**$18,560,000**
Value of Buildings			
Residential	$416,240,671	$93,976,871	$28,753,175
Manufactured housing	$18,059,000	$140,300	$0
Commercial/ Industrial	$39,369,800	$14,795,100	$2,075,300
Discretionary Preservation easement	$55,729	$8,829	$7,725
Total Taxable Buildings	**$473,725,200**	**$108,921,000**	**$30,836,200**
Public Utility Companies	$17,601,600	$0	$0
Total Valuation Before exemptions	**$766,170,002**	**$171,554,951**	**$49,396,200**
Less exemptions			
Assist Persons with Disabilities (Vet)	$5,182	$5,182	$0
Blind	$150,000	$60,000	$30,000
Elderly	$4,140,000	$1,020,000	$120,000
Solar/wind power	$70,700	$4,050	$0
Total amount of Exemptions	**$4,365,882**	**$1,089,232**	**$150,000**
Net value on which tax rate For Municipal, County & Local Education tax is computed	**$761,804,120**	**$170,465,719**	**$49,246,200**
Less Public Utilities	**$17,601,600**	**$0**	**$0**
Net value less public utilities On which tax rate for State Education tax is computed	**$744,202,520**	**$170,465,719**	**$49,246,200**

UTILITY SUMMARY

Name of Public Utility Company	
UNITIL Energy Systems	$165,000
New –England Hydro-Transmission Corp.	$5,780,000
New England Power Company	$3,226,600
Public Service Company	$7,030,000
CHI Energy	$1,400,000
Total Value	**$17,601,600**

Summary – Tax Rates- Hopkinton

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Municipal -Town	$4.39	$4.39	$4.49	$4.49	$4.54	$4.44	$4.09	$4.57	$4.33	$4.04
County Tax	$1.95	$1.98	$2.26	$2.28	$2.40	$2.14	$1.96	$2.19	$1.86	$2.20
Local Education Tax	$22.06	$12.68	$14.59	$12.12	$15.11	$13.61	$13.45	$14.24	$12.78	$12.73
State Education Tax	$ -	$6.28	$6.18	$5.90	$5.54	$4.37	$2.91	$2.61	$2.08	$2.08
Combined Tax	$28.40	$25.33	$27.52	$24.79	$27.59	$24.56	$22.41	$23.61	$21.05	$21.05
Contoocook Village Precinct	$2.10	$1.94	$1.89	$1.78	$1.73	$1.57	$1.21	$1.48	$1.19	$1.22
Hopkinton Village Precinct	$0.40	$0.42	$0.67	$0.62	$1.52	$0.29	$0.36	$.30	$.29	$.32

Current Use Report

Current Use Classification	No. Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment
Farm Land	1,676.580
Forest Land	8,019.378
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	1,857.648
Unproductive	12.000
Wet Land	746.680
Total Acreage	**12,312.286**
Other Current Use Statistics	
Acres Receiving a 20% Recreational Adjustment	991.090
Acres Removed From Current Use During the Year	64.11

Discretionary Easements

Acres	Owners	Description
38.78	1	Golf course

Tax Credits

Type of Tax Credits	Amount of Credit	Number of Individuals	Total of Tax Credits
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans, Spouses or Widows	$2,000	6	$12,000
Other War Service Credits	$500	357	$178,500
Total		**363**	**$190,500**

Schedule of
Town / School / Precinct Property

TOWN

LOCATION	MAP/LOT	ACRES	VALUE	LOCATION	MAP/LOT	ACRES	VALUE
BAILEY RD	210/014	0.25	$55,000	MAIN ST	104/060.1	0.09	$2,300
BARTON CORNER RD	217/041	24	$63,100	MAIN ST	106/003	52.22	$396,300
BASSETT MILL RD	231/008	9.7	$113,100	MAIN ST	106/003.1	0.28	$280,800
BEECH HILL & CURRIER	259/024	0.19	$7,400	MAIN ST	106/023	0.47	$559,600
BLUEBIRD LN	225/083	0.21	$600	MAIN ST	106/024	5.4	$164,300
BOUND TREE & CLEMENT	207/016	4.3	$97,100	MAIN ST	106/049	1.2	$372,800
BOUND TREE & CLEMENT	207/017	40	$188,500	MAIN ST	251/007	8	$144,700
BOUND TREE RD	204/015	40.6	$27,300	MAPLE ST	101/007	0.1	$249,200
BOUND TREE RD	207/038	33.5	$19,600	MAPLE ST	102/085	0.67	$56,400
CAMP MERRIMAC RD	202/007	4.5	$13,500	MAPLE ST	219/004	15.9	$42,700
CARRIAGE LN	102/022.1	1.42	$20,900	MAPLE ST	219/005	7.5	$21,000
CEDAR ST	101/017	0.43	$75,000	MAPLE ST	219/006	7.2	$20,200
CEDAR ST & MAPLE ST	102/038	0.03	$1,900	MAPLE ST	219/007	6.1	$17,100
CLEMENT HILL RD	208/001	0.53	$101,200	MAPLE ST	219/008	5	$14,000
CLEMENT HILL RD	208/099.22	6.099	$152,200	MAPLE ST	219/009	3.91	$10,900
CURRIER RD	259/020	0.16	$5,800	MAPLE ST	219/012	165	$246,000
DUSTIN RD	224/046	1.3	$123,300	NEW RD	251/001	3.9	$11,000
E PENACOOK RD	244/006	48	$375,100	OLD HENNIKER RD	238/080	14.2	$173,400
E PENACOOK RD	244/011	85	$294,100	OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	105/024.1	0.06	$1,500
E PENACOOK RD	244/012	14.24	$143,400	OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	239/056	33.5	$172,800
E PENACOOK RD	246/006	97	$341,100	PARK AVE	222/078	5.8	$125,900
EUGENE FOOTE RD	233/002	31	$198,400	PARK AVE & KEARSARGE	101/052	0.054	$3,300
FARRINGTON CORNER RD	265/002	34.86	$21,200	PATCH RD	249/013	33.46	$196,100
FARRINGTON CORNER RD	266/044.1	96.2	$315,900	PATCH RD	249/021	0.053	$2,900
FIELDSTONE RD	251/061	16.19	$43,500	PENACOOK & GOULD HIL	103/017	0.47	$9,600
GAGE HILL RD	229/001	0.2	$6,300	PENACOOK & GOULD HIL	103/022	0.15	$5,600
GAGE HILL RD	238/049	0.31	$12,600	PENACOOK RD	103/016	46.78	$186,900
GARRISON LN	251/056	0.4	$24,100	PINE ST	101/020	1.1	$533,900
GRANITE VALLEY	223/003	0.9	$37,700	PINE ST	101/021	0.55	$856,300
HATFIELD RD	214/001	41.5	$192,300	PINE ST	220/035	12	$33,600
HAWTHORNE HILL RD	251/010.1	92.54	$307,700	PINE ST	221/044	45.5	$212,000
HOPKINTON & OLD HENN	105/031	0.33	$56,700	PUBLIC WORKS RD (& 2	102/099	46.78	$4,886,400
HOPKINTON RD	239/037	0.91	$770,800	PUTNEY HILL RD	239/062	0.52	$88,700
HOUSTON DR	221/083	67.85	$1,475,800	ROLLINS RD	250/061	18.5	$212,300
IRISH HILL RD	237/038	1.3	$3,600	ROLLINS RD	250/065	7	$107,600
JEWETT RD	256/005	16.4	$140,700	SOUTH RD	238/070	0.02	$0
KEARSARGE AVE	101/039.1	0.709	$98,600	SPRING ST	221/104	0.18	$3,000
KEARSARGE AVE	206/019	18	$85,500	SPRING ST	221/126.1	6.43	$18,000
KEARSARGE AVE	206/020	19.5	$151,900	SPRING ST	221126.2	4.81	$13,500
KEARSARGE AVE	222/067.2	16	$450,600	SPRING ST	222021	7.08	$127,500
LITTLE FROST RD	230/003	0.05	$12,500	SUGAR HILL RD	237039	5.8	$16,200
MAIN ST	101/085	2.47	$230,000	TAMARACK RD	211014	1.18	$97,400
MAIN ST	102/064	20.04	$174,600	UPPER STRAW RD	265027	0.06	$3,200
MAIN ST	103/009	2.4	$116,400				

Schedule of
Town / School / Precinct Property

SCHOOL

Location	Map/Lot	Acres	Value
PARK AVE	222/067.1	9.63	$10,045,300
MAPLE ST	102/003	0.48	$260,300
MAPLE ST	102/004	5.80	$4,154,300
MAIN ST	106/007	8.00	$5,272,900

CONTOOCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT

Location	Map/Lot	Acres	Value
BOUND TREE RD	204/013.1	3.00	$1,522,700
PLEASANT POND RD	204/021	14.90	$127,600
BOUND TREE RD	204/024	0.07	$33,700
BOUND TREE RD	204/025	4.10	$120,800
HOPKINTON RD	104/095.01	0.12	$790,500

HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT

Location	Map/Lot	Acres	Value
BRIAR HILL RD	250/006	14.36	$103,000
PUTNEY HILL RD	239/064	2.81	$82,000
OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	105/022	15.00	$122,200
MAIN ST	105/049	0.11	$71,100

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To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Hopkinton' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton, as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.

Nashua, New Hampshire
January 31, 2007

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Hopkinton, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Hopkinton for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, highways and streets, sanitation, health and human service, welfare, and culture and recreation.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements,

governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by $ 26,741,509 (i.e., net assets), a change of $ (879,485) in comparison to the prior year.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $ 3,407,598, a change of $ 574,373 in comparison with the prior year.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was $ 304,257, a change of $ (256,875) in comparison with the prior year.

- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable and notes payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was $ 3,436,070, a change of $ 262,116 in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current fiscal year. Because the Town reported its financial statements in accordance with GASB 34 for the first time in fiscal year 2006, prior year comparative data was not available for presentation. Comparative information will be provided in future years. All amounts are presented in thousands.

	Governmental Activities
Current and other assets	$ 9,651
Capital assets	26,714
Total assets	36,365
Long-term liabilities outstanding	3,706
Other liabilities	5,918
Total liabilities	9,624
Net assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net	24,485
Restricted	1,064
Unrestricted	1,192
Total net assets	$ 26,741

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities
Revenues:	
Program revenues:	
Charges for services	$ 1,800
Operating grants and contributions	293
Capital grants and contributions	1,012
General revenues:	
Property taxes	16,070
Penalties and interest on taxes	71
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	559
Investment income	294
Miscellaneous	80
Total revenues	20,179

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	Governmental Activities
Expenses:	
General government	1,555
Public safety	1,434
Education	11,388
Highway and streets	3,036
Public works - sanitation	902
Health human services	30
Welfare	116
Culture and recreation	800
Interest expense	145
Intergovernmental	1,653
Total expenses	21,059
Change in net assets	(880)
Net assets - beginning of year	27,621
Net assets - end of year	$ 26,741

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net assets were $ 26,741,509, a change of $ (879,485) from the prior year.

The largest portion of net assets $ 24,484,857 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net assets $ 1,064,550 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets $ 1,192,102 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of $ (879,485). Key elements of this change are as follows:

	Government Wide Governmental Activities
General fund operating results	$ (409,937)
Nonmajor funds operating results - accrual basis	984,310
Excess depreciation, which is not budgeted or funded, over principal maturities, a budgeted expense	(1,875,496)
Other GAAP accruals	421,638
Total	$ (879,485)

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $ 3,407,598, a change of $ 574,373 in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

	Fund Balance Governmental Funds
General fund operating results	$ (409,937)
Nonmajor fund surplus	984,310 (1)
Total	$ 574,373

(1) The major component of this change is due to the Town receiving a donation exceeding one million dollars to construct and maintain a Senior Center.

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $ 304,257, while total fund balance was $ 341,312. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 1.6 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 1.8 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund changed by $ (409,937) during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

	Fund Balance General Fund
Excess state and local revenues over budget	$ (34,250)
Budgetary appropriation unspent by departments	91,821
Shortfall of tax revenues compared to budget	(273,797)
Excess of prior year encumbered appropriations spent in the current year over current year encumbrances to be spent in subsequent year	(153,062)
Timing differences	(40,649)
Total	$ (409,937)

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget resulted in an overall change in appropriation of $ 542,000. These supplemental appropriations were funded by a State grant of $ 173,750 and bond proceeds of $ 368,250, and were used to purchase open space.

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. Total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year-end amounted to $ 26,713,419 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of $ (1,398,074) from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Purchase of various parcels of land totaling $ 433,750.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding and notes payable was $ 3,436,070, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Hopkinton' finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Office of the Finance Director
Hopkinton Town Hall
330 Main Street
Hopkinton, New Hampshire 03229

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current:	
Cash and short-term investments	$ 7,302,279
Investments	1,259,018
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Property taxes	1,078,037
Departmental - sewer	12,570
Noncurrent:	
Land and construction in progress	3,727,710
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	22,985,709
TOTAL ASSETS	36,365,323
LIABILITIES	
Current:	
Accounts payable	11,254
Accrued expenses	105,638
Due to school district	4,747,533
Tax refunds payable	150,000
Intergovernmental payable	462,155
Other current liabilities	24,952
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Bonds/notes payable	382,608
Compensated absences	4,911
Landfill	28,000
Noncurrent:	
Bonds/notes payable, net of current portion	3,053,462
Compensated absences, net of current portion	93,301
Landfill, net of current portion	560,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,623,814
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	24,484,857
Restricted for:	
Permanent funds:	
Nonexpendable	627,965
Expendable	436,585
Unrestricted	1,192,102
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 26,741,509

See notes to financial statements.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets: Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 1,554,751	$ 1,055,896	$ 859	$ -	$ (497,996)
Public safety	1,434,216	234,435	47,885	-	(1,151,896)
Education	11,387,722	-	-	-	(11,387,722)
Highway and streets	3,036,394	9,287	163,586	-	(2,863,521)
Sanitation	902,086	427,337	23,731	-	(451,018)
Health and human services	29,657	2,001	-	-	(27,656)
Welfare	116,499	-	29,594	-	(86,905)
Culture and recreation	799,998	71,444	27,190	1,011,633	310,269
Interest expense	144,668	-	-	-	(144,668)
Intergovernmental	1,653,197	-	-	-	(1,653,197)
Total	$ 21,059,188	$ 1,800,400	$ 292,845	$ 1,011,633	(17,954,310)
General Revenues:					
Property taxes					16,069,970
Penalties, interest and other taxes					70,930
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					559,373
Investment income					294,231
Miscellaneous					80,321
Total general revenues and contributions					17,074,825
Change in Net Assets					(879,485)
Net Assets:					
Beginning of year					27,620,994
End of year					$ 26,741,509

See notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	$ 5,055,321	$ 2,246,958	$ 7,302,279
Investments	-	1,259,018	1,259,018
Receivables:			
Property taxes	1,197,888	-	1,197,888
Departmental - sewer	-	13,967	13,967
Due from other funds	30,561	53,026	83,587
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 6,283,770	$ 3,572,969	$ 9,856,739
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	$ 11,254	$ -	$ 11,254
Accrued expenses	40,650	-	40,650
Deferred revenues	915,043	13,967	929,010
Due to other funds	53,026	30,561	83,587
Due to school district	4,747,533	-	4,747,533
Tax refunds payable	150,000	-	150,000
Intergovernmental payable	-	462,155	462,155
Other liabilities	24,952	-	24,952
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,942,458	506,683	6,449,141
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances	37,055	-	37,055
Perpetual (nonexpendable) permanent funds	-	627,965	627,965
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund (see Footnote # 18)	304,257	-	304,257
Special revenue funds	-	2,001,736	2,001,736
Permanent funds	-	436,585	436,585
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	341,312	3,066,286	3,407,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 6,283,770	$ 3,572,969	$ 9,856,739

See notes to financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

Total governmental fund balances	$ 3,407,598
• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	26,713,419
• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	807,762
• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	(64,988)
• Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	(4,122,282)
Net assets of governmental activities	$ 26,741,509

See notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Property taxes	$ 15,820,962	$ 58,246	$ 15,879,208
Penalties, interest and other taxes	70,930	-	70,930
Charges for services	432,237	303,931	736,168
Intergovernmental	787,158	-	787,158
Licenses and permits	1,058,776	-	1,058,776
Investment income	128,994	165,239	294,233
Contributions	-	1,039,790	1,039,790
Miscellaneous	131,400	3,158	134,558
Total Revenues	18,430,457	1,570,364	20,000,821
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,052,506	146,421	1,198,927
Public safety	1,241,181	319,269	1,560,450
Education	11,381,839	5,883	11,387,722
Highway and streets	963,582	134,543	1,098,125
Sanitation	610,057	185,715	795,772
Health and human services	28,727	2,070	30,797
Welfare	116,499	-	116,499
Culture and recreation	570,873	168,153	739,026
Debt service	443,887	-	443,887
Intergovernmental	1,653,197	-	1,653,197
Capital outlay	970,296	-	970,296
Total Expenditures	19,032,644	962,054	19,994,698
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(602,187)	608,310	6,123
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Proceeds of bonds	568,250	-	568,250
Transfers in	58,000	454,000	512,000
Transfers out	(434,000)	(78,000)	(512,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	192,250	376,000	568,250
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(409,937)	984,310	574,373
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year, as restated	751,249	2,081,976	2,833,225
Fund Equity, at End of Year	$ 341,312	$ 3,066,286	$ 3,407,598

See notes to financial statements.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	$	574,373
• Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:		
Capital outlay purchases		796,657
Depreciation		(2,181,630)
Loss on disposal		(13,101)
• Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and sewer) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.		151,984
• The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:		
Issuance of debt		(568,250)
Repayments of debt		306,134
• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.		(6,915)
• Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		61,263
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	$	(879,485)

See notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues and Other Sources:				
Taxes	$ 16,142,940	$ 16,142,940	$ 16,094,759	$ (48,181)
Penalties, interest and other taxes	96,189	96,189	70,930	(25,259)
Charges for service	448,925	448,925	432,237	(16,688)
Intergovernmental	584,537	758,287	753,235	(5,052)
Licenses and permits	1,028,500	1,028,500	1,058,776	30,276
Investment income	35,000	35,000	128,994	93,994
Miscellaneous	150,740	150,740	131,400	(19,340)
Transfers in	102,000	102,000	58,000	(44,000)
Other sources	200,000	568,250	568,250	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	18,788,831	19,330,831	19,296,581	(34,250)
Expenditures and Other Uses:				
General government	1,009,156	1,009,156	1,054,251	(45,095)
Public safety	1,236,207	1,236,207	1,196,153	40,054
Education	11,381,839	11,381,839	11,381,839	-
Highway and streets	1,008,869	1,008,869	962,116	46,753
Sanitation	608,531	608,531	607,544	987
Health and human services	19,537	19,537	27,975	(8,438)
Welfare	110,793	110,793	116,499	(5,706)
Culture and recreation	564,789	564,789	555,743	9,046
Debt service	455,887	455,887	443,887	12,000
Intergovernmental	1,653,223	1,653,223	1,653,197	26
Capital outlay	306,000	848,000	805,806	42,194
Transfers out	434,000	434,000	434,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	18,788,831	19,330,831	19,239,010	91,821
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	$ -	$ -	$ 57,571	$ 57,571

See notes to financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and short term investments	$ -	$ 148,018
Investments:	142,240	-
Total Assets	142,240	148,018
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Other liabilities	-	148,018
Total Liabilities	-	148,018
NET ASSETS		
Total net assets held in trust for special purposes	$ 142,240	$ -

See notes to financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Contributions	$ 2,645
Investment Income	15,453
Total additions	18,098
Deductions:	
Education (scholarships)	5,450
Total deductions	5,450
Net increase	12,648
Net assets:	
Beginning of year, as restated	129,592
End of year	$ 142,240

See notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Hopkinton (the Town) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. *Reporting Entity*

The government is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Board of Selectmen. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and applicable component units for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. In fiscal year 2006, it was determined that no entities met the required GASB-39 criteria of component units.

B. *Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements*

Government-Wide Financial Statements
The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function of segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues.*

Fund Financial Statements
Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

C. *Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation*

Government-Wide Financial Statements
The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes and excises.

Fund Financial Statements
Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting.* Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers property tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

- The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

D. *Cash and Short-Term Investments*

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a consolidation of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available, and interest earnings are recog-

nized in the General Fund. Certain special revenue and permanent funds segregate cash, and investment earnings become a part of those funds.

Deposits with financial institutions consist primarily of demand deposits, certificates of deposits, and savings accounts. A cash and investment pool is maintained that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is reflected on the combined financial statements under the caption "cash and short-term investments". The interest earnings attributable to each fund type is included under investment income.

E. *Investments*

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available. Deposits in any financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institution. Non-fiduciary fund investments can be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or agencies that have a maturity of one year or less from the date of purchase and repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase.

Investments for the Trust Funds consist of marketable securities, bonds and short-term money market investments. Investments are carried at market value.

F. *Interfund Receivables and Payables*

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/ borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due from/to other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

G. *Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than $ 5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Infrastructure	20-60
Buildings	20-40
Building improvements	40
Vehicles	8-15
Office equipment	7-15
Computer equipment	5-10

H. Compensated Absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vested sick and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities.

J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements, and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. *Budgetary Information*

The Town's budget is originally prepared by the Selectmen's office with the cooperation of the various department heads. It is then submitted to the Budget Committee, in accordance with the Municipal Budget Law. After reviewing the budget, the Committee holds a public hearing for discussion.

The final version of the budget is then submitted for approval at the annual Town meeting. The approved budget is subsequently reported to the State of New Hampshire on the statement of appropriation form in order to establish the current property tax rate.

The Selectmen cannot increase the total of the approved budget; however, they have the power to reclassify its components when necessary.

B. *Budgetary Basis*

The General Fund final appropriation appearing on the "Budget and Actual" page of the fund financial statements represents the final amended budget after all transfers and supplemental appropriations.

C. *Budget/GAAP Reconciliation*

The budgetary data for the general fund is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of operations of the general fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison with budgetary data.

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the actual revenues and other sources, and expenditures and other uses, to conform to the budgetary basis of accounting.

General Fund	Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Revenues/Expenditures (GAAP basis)	$ 18,430,457	$ 19,032,644
Other financing sources/uses (GAAP basis)	626,250	434,000
Subtotal (GAAP Basis)	19,056,707	19,466,644

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General Fund	Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Adjust tax revenue to accrual basis	273,797	-
Reverse beginning of year appropriation carryforwards from expenditures	-	(190,117)
Add end of year appropriation carryforwards to expenditures	-	37,055
To reverse GASB 24	(33,923)	(33,923)
To record timing differences	-	(40,649)
Budgetary basis	$ 19,296,581	$ 19,239,010

D. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

Expenditures exceeding appropriations during the current fiscal year were as follows:

Financial administration	$ (590)
Assessor	(25,844)
Legal expenses	(18,971)
Personal administrative	(7,347)
Insurance (unemployment, workers comp.)	(8,990)
Animal control	(17)
Health agencies	(8,437)
Welfare	(5,706)
Conservation - administrative	(16)
Land and improvements	(6,212)
Total	$ (82,130)

3. Cash and Short-Term Investments

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. RSA 48:16 limits "deposit in any one bank shall not at any time exceed the sum of its paid-up capital and surplus, exception that a city with a population in excess of 50,000 is authorized to deposit funds in a solvent bank in excess of the paid-up capital surplus of said bank."

As of December 31, 2006, none of the Town's bank balance of $ 7,312,980 was exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured, uncollateralized, and collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the Town's name.

4. Investments

A. *Credit Risk*

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. State law employs the prudent person rule whereby investments are made as a prudent person would be expected to act, with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments.

Presented below is the actual rating as of year end for each investment of the Town (in thousands):

Investment Type	Fair Value	Minimum Legal Rating	Exempt From Disclosure	Rating as of Year End		
				Aaa	Aa	A
Corporate bonds	$ 237	N/A	$ -	$ 75	$ 25	$ 137
Corporate equities	532	N/A	532	-	-	-
Mutual funds	612	N/A	612	-	-	-
Federal agency securities	20	N/A	-	20	-	-
Total investments	$ 1,401		$ 1,144	$ 95	$ 25	$ 137

B. *Custodial Credit Risk*

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. It is the policy of the Town to diversify its investment portfolio. Investment of assets held in the common fund and any other investments shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be determined and revised periodically by the Treasurer, and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. Deposits placed in the NH Deposit Investment Pool (NHDIP) shall by definition meet this requirement.

C. *Concentration of Credit Risk*

The Town has a formal policy to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific issuer. The Town does not have an investment in one issuer greater than 5% of total investments.

D. *Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town has a formal investment policy that limits concentration of assets in a specific maturity.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is as follows:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)			
Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than 1	1-5	6-10	More Than 10
Debt Related Securities:					
Corporate bonds	$ 237	$ 25	$ 212	$ -	$ -
Federal agency securities	20	20	-	-	-
Total	$ 257	$ 45	$ 212	$ -	$ -

E. *Foreign Currency Risk*

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in foreign exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Town does not have policies for foreign currency risk.

5. Property Taxes Receivable

The Town bills property taxes semiannually, in May and November. Property tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes have been levied. Property taxes billed or collected in advance of the year for which they are levied, are recorded as a prepaid tax liability.

Property taxes are due on July 1 and December 1. Delinquent accounts are charged 12% interest. At the time of tax sale, in March of the next year, a lien is recorded on the property at the Registry of Deeds. The Town purchases all the delinquent accounts by paying the delinquent balance, recording costs and accrued interest. The accounts that are liened by the Town will be reclassified from property taxes receivable to unredeemed tax liens receivable. After this date, delinquent accounts will be charged interest at a rate of 18%.

The Town annually budgets an amount (overlay for abatements) for property tax abatements and refunds.

Taxes receivable at December 31, 2006 consist of the following:

Property taxes:		
2006 levy	$ 995	
2005 levy	1	
		$ 996
Unredeemed taxes:		
2005 levy	116	
2004 levy	41	
2003 levy	23	
		180
Yield tax		3
Land use change		19
Total taxes receivable		$ 1,198

Taxes Collected for Others

The Town collects property taxes for the Hopkinton School District, Hopkinton Village Precinct, Contoocook Village Precinct, and the County of Merrimack. Payments to the other taxing units are normally made throughout the year. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

6. Departmental - Sewer Receivable

The Town bills for sewer usage semiannually, in May and November. This balance represents unpaid balances as at year end for 2006 billing.

7. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The receivables reported in the accompanying entity-wide financial statements reflect the following estimated allowances for doubtful accounts (in thousands):

	Governmental
Property taxes	$ 119
Sewer charges	1

8. Interfund Fund Receivables/Payables

Although self-balancing funds are maintained, most transactions flow through the general fund. In order to obtain accountability for each fund, interfund receivable and payable accounts must be utilized. The following is an analysis of the June 30, 2006 balances in interfund receivable and payable accounts:

Fund	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
General Fund	$ 30,561	$ 53,026
Conservation Commission	53,026	-
Sewer	-	11,023
Public Safety Revolving	-	19,538
Total	$ 83,587	$ 83,587

9. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2006 was as follows (in thousands):

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	$ 3,698	$ -	$ -	$ 3,698
Machinery, equipment, and furnishings	2,654	363	(106)	2,911
Infrastructure	38,698	-	-	38,698
Total capital assets, being depreciated	45,050	363	(106)	45,307
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,664)	(91)	-	(1,755)
Machinery, equipment, and furnishings	(1,589)	(214)	93	(1,710)
Infrastructure	(16,980)	(1,876)	-	(18,856)
Total accumulated depreciation	(20,233)	(2,181)	93	(22,321)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	24,817	(1,818)	(13)	22,986
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	3,294	434	-	3,728
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,294	434	-	3,728
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 28,111	$ (1,384)	$ (13)	$ 26,714

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Town as follows (in thousands):

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 32
Public safety	114
Highway and streets	1,940 *
Sanitation	72
Culture and recreation	23
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 2,181

*Note: Highway and streets includes depreciation costs for infrastructure.

10. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expense

Accounts payable and accrued expense represent 2006 expenditures paid after December 31, 2006.

11. Deferred Revenue

Governmental funds report *deferred revenue* in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

The balance of the General Fund deferred revenues account is equal to the total of all December 31, 2006 receivable balances, except property taxes that are accrued for subsequent 60-day collections.

12. Tax Refunds Payable

This balance consists of an estimate of refunds due to property taxpayers for potential abatements processed after December 31, 2006.

13. Intergovernmental Payable

Amounts held by the Town that belong to other entities as of December 31, 2006 consist of the following:

Contoocook Village Precinct	$ 74,921
Hopkinton Village Precinct	283,899
Hopkinton School District	103,335
Total	$ 462,155

14. Long-Term Debt

A. General Obligation Bonds/Notes

The Town issues general obligation bonds and long term/notes to provide funds for the acquisition of land and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds/notes have been issued for governmental activities. General obligation bonds/notes currently outstanding are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Serial Maturities Through	Interest Rate(s)%	Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/06
NH Municipal Bond Bank/ Transfer Station	07/15/09	6.80%	$ 120,000
Landfill Closure	07/01/17	3.80%	1,207,508

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Governmental Activities:	Serial Maturities Through	Interest Rate(s)%	Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/06
Library Building	08/15/07	4.05%	95,000
NH Municipal Bond Bank/Land	01/15/20	4.31%	705,000
NH Municipal Bond Bank/Open Space	08/15/25	4.00%	445,000
Harris/Myron Property	08/15/20	3.97%	295,312
WWTF	04/04/11	4.28%	200,000
NH Municipal Bond Bank	08/15/21	4.75%	368,250
Total Governmental Activities:			$ 3,436,070

B. *Future Debt Service*

The annual principal payments to retire all general obligation long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2006 are as follows:

Governmental	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	$ 382,608	$ 137,449	$ 520,057
2008	288,719	119,371	408,090
2009	293,262	106,881	400,143
2010	257,995	94,235	352,230
2011	262,926	84,083	347,009
2012 - 2016	1,196,118	272,571	1,468,689
2017 - 2021	674,442	76,027	750,469
2022 - 2026	80,000	6,160	86,160
Total	$ 3,436,070	$ 896,777	$ 4,332,847

The general fund has been designated as the sole source to repay the governmental-type general obligation long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2006.

C. *Changes in General Long-Term Liabilities*

During the year ended December 31, 2006, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities (in thousands):

	Total Balance 1/1/06	Additions	Reductions	Total Balance 12/31/06	Less Current Portion	Equals Long-Term Portion 12/31/06
Governmental Activities						
Bonds/notes payable	$ 3,174	$ 568	$ (306)	$ 3,436	$ (383)	$ 3,053
Other:						
Compensated absences	131	-	(33)	98	(5)	93
Landfill closure	616	-	(28)	588	(28)	560
Totals	$ 3,921	$ 568	$ (367)	$ 4,122	$ (416)	$ 3,706

15. Landfill Postclosure Care Costs

State and Federal laws and regulations require the Town to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at its landfill site for thirty years after closure.

The $ 588,000 reported as landfill postclosure care liability at December 31, 2006 represents future monitoring costs of the landfill that was capped in 1996. These costs will be captured annually as part of the operating budget. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

16. Restricted Net Assets

The accompanying entity-wide financial statements report restricted net assets when external constraints from grantors or contributors are placed on net assets.

Permanent fund restricted net assets are segregated between nonexpendable and expendable. The nonexpendable portion represents the original restricted principal contribution, and the expendable represents accumulated earnings which are available to be spent based on donor restrictions.

17. Reserves of Fund Equity

"Reserves" of fund equity are established to segregate fund balances which are either not available for expenditure in the future or are legally set aside for a specific future use.

The following types of reserves are reported at December 31, 2006:

Reserved for Encumbrances - An account used to segregate that portion of fund balance committed for expenditure of financial resources upon vendor performance.

Reserved for Perpetual Funds - Represents the principal of the nonexpendable trust fund investments. The balance cannot be spent for any purpose; however, it may be invested and the earnings may be spent.

18. General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

The undesignated general fund balance reported on the balance sheet is stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which differs in respect to how undesignated fund balance is reported in accordance with the budgetary basis for reporting for the State of New Hampshire for tax rate setting purposes. The major difference is the State of New Hampshire considers revenues in connection with property tax

receivables to be available to liquidate liabilities when billed rather than received.

The following summarizes the specific differences between GAAP basis and budgetary basis of reporting the general fund undesignated fund balance:

GAAP basis balance	$ 304,257
Deferred revenue	915,043
Tax Rate Setting Balance	$ 1,219,300

19. Commitments and Contingencies

Outstanding Lawsuits - There are several pending lawsuits in which the Town is involved. The Town's management is of the opinion that the potential future settlement of such claims would not materially affect its financial statements taken as a whole.

Grants - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

20. Pension Plan

The Town follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions for State and Local Government Employees,* with respect to the employees' retirement funds.

A. Plan Description

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (the "System"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the retirement board. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Revised Statutes Annotated 100-A:41-a of New Hampshire Law assigns the System the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan and grant cost-of-living increases. The System issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained through the New Hampshire Retirement System at 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-8509.

B. *Funding Policy*

Plan members are required to contribute between 5% and 9.30% of annual covered compensation to the pension plan. The Town makes annual contributions to the pension plan equal to the amount required by Revised Statutes Annotated 100-A:16, and range from 6.81 - 14.36% of covered compensation. The Town's contributions to the System for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were $ 143,640, $ 123,029, and $ 92,046, respectively, which were equal to its annual required contributions for each of these years.

21. Risk Management

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and have been no material settlements in excess of coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

22. Implementation of New GASB Pronouncements

During fiscal year 2006, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

- Statement #34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.
- Statement #37, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments; Omnibus.
- Statement #38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures.

The pronouncements identified above are all related to the new financial reporting requirements as defined in Statement #34. Fiscal year 2003 was the required implementation date. As of December 31, 2005, the Town had not implemented Statement #34. The most significant changes required by the new financial reporting standards are as follows:

- Management's discussion and analysis.
- Basic financial statements, which include:
 - Government-wide financial statements, prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.
 - Fund financial statements, consisting of a series of statements that focus on major governmental and enterprise funds.

- Schedules to reconcile the fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements.
- Notes to the basic financial statements.

As a result of implementing these pronouncements, the following restatements have been made to the beginning fund balances reported as of December 31, 2005 as follows:

Fund	Fund Balance (as previously reported)	Reclassification	Prior Period Adjustment	Fund Balance (as restated)
General Fund	$ 1,274,810	$ -	$ (523,561)	$ 751,249
Special Revenue Fund	365,194	(365,194)	-	-
Expendable Trust	1,168,848	(1,168,848)	-	-
Nonexpendable Trust	690,135	(690,135)	-	-
Nonmajor Fund	-	2,094,585	(12,609)	2,081,976
Private Purpose Trust Fund	-	129,592	-	129,592
Total	$ 3,498,987	$ -	$ (536,170)	$ 2,962,817

I. INTRODUCTION

The Hopkinton Planning Board has developed the latest revisions to the Town's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for fiscal year 2008 – 2017. The CIP is one component of the Town's Master Plan that is annually revised to reflect changing demands, new needs, and assessment of priorities.

The Capital Improvements Plan is one source of information used:

(a) To provide the Town of Hopkinton with a guide to be used by the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and School Board during their annual budgeting process;

(b) To provide a forward looking planning tool for the purpose of avoiding untimely expenditures, which generate unstable property tax impacts;

(c) To aid the Town and School District in prioritization, coordination, and sequencing of various Town and School improvements/projects; and

(d) To inform residents of the needed and planned improvements.

II. CAPITAL PROJECT/IMPROVEMENTS CRITERIA

For the purpose of this CIP "capital projects" have been defined as projects outside normal operation and maintenance, which is non-recurring (not an annual budget item), or having the following characteristics:

(a) The acquisition of land or interests in land for public purpose;

(b) The purchase, construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of any building or physical facility for the community with an anticipated life of more than ten (10) years;

(c) The construction of public infrastructure such as highways, sewer or water lines, or similar projects;

(d) The preparation of surveys, architectural/engineering plans or studies relative to the previously defined items or which have significant value to the community; or

(e) The purchase of new vehicles, motorized equipment or office equipment, usually costing in excess of $10,000 and having an anticipated life of over five (5) years.

III. FINANCING METHODS

Bonds are generally limited to the most expensive capital projects such as major renovations, additions or new construction of buildings. Cost of the project is spread out over many years in the future.

Capital Reserve Funds are established by a vote of Town or School District Meeting and must specify a purpose and identify the agent that is authorized to expend from the fund. This method requires appropriation over more than one year with the actual project generally being accomplished only when the total appropriations meet the project cost. Generally, this method of funding is used for purchase of vehicles equipment, and as a method of preparing for the expense of major renovations, additions or new construction of buildings.

Expendable Maintenance Trust Funds are established by a vote of Town or School District Meeting and must specify a purpose and identify the agent that is authorized to expend from the Trust Fund. Money is appropriated to the fund and accumulated over time. When the balance accumulates to a level that allows the project to move forward, funds are withdrawn in accordance with the specified purpose.

Annual (1-Year) Appropriation is for projects that are to be funded by property taxes within a single year.

IV. PRIORITY SYSTEM

Upon request of the Planning Board various Town Departments provided a statement of all capital projects it proposes to undertake during the term of the plan. The Planning Board then reviewed and prioritized the proposed projects based on the description below:

- *1=Urgent* – Cannot be delayed. Needed for health or safety.
- *2=Necessary* –Needed to maintain existing level and quality of community services.
- *3=Desirable* –Needed to improve quality or level of services.
- *4=Deferrable* –Can be placed on hold until after 10-year period, but supports planning for Capital Projects.
- *5=Research* –Pending results of ongoing research, planning, and coordination.

Table 2 provides a *Summary of Potential Projects, Costs, and Ranking* requested along with the priority ranking assigned by the Planning Board and the project relationship to the Master Plan.

V. IDENTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The Planning Department used worksheet forms that were completed and submitted by Town Departments and the School District to identify and explain project requests. The forms were also used to define the relative need and urgency for projects and improvements. The CIP worksheet included: a project description, the departmental priority, the service area of project, the rational and narrative justification of a project, a cost estimate, personnel impact on operating and maintenance, if any, potential source of funding, and cost by calendar/fiscal year. A summary of the capital projects submitted for the years 2008-2017 is as follows:

Community Center Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding to be used toward the construction of a new/or renovation to the Big Barn to become a Community Center to be located on the grounds of Houston Field adjacent to the Slusser Senior Center. Facility would replace the current Columbia Hall facility and provide increased space for recreation programming, expansion of social service activities, meeting space for large and small grounds, in addition to, cultural activities and venue. Funds would be utilized toward feasibility of renovating the Big Barn, or for architectural designs and building construction of a new facility. **Requested by Town Administration and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for the replacement of windows, hiring of an architect, construction of a new entry in the place of the former recreation office to provide access to the second floor via an elevator and staircase, construction of three unisex handicapped restrooms, demolition and construction of new offices on the second floor to include electrical, heating and cabling for internet access, and continued improvements to the main hall acoustics and seating. **Requested by Town Administration and prioritized by the Planning Board as requiring more research,**

planning and coordination. Project addressed in the Town-Owned Historic Structures and Community Facilities chapters of the Master Plan.

Computer Hardware/Software (Technology Upgrade) Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued funding for upgrading existing computer hardware (PC's, servers, monitors, etc) or copiers at different town departments on a staggered basis. To purchase new software programs that will enhance or replace existing software currently in use by Town departments. **Project requested by Town Administration and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project. Project addressed in the Technology Chapter of the Master Plan.**

Benefits Pay Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued accrual of benefit costs that must be paid to Town employees upon separation from service. Benefits redeemed are accrued/unused vacation and pro-rated floating days. Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund established in year 2004. Annual appropriations over ten years are proposed. **Project requested by Town Administration and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project and is outside of the scope of the Master Plan.**

Police Cruisers & Accessories Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for replacement of Police Cruisers and Accessories that are generally on a 4-year and 10-year replacement schedule. Vehicle accessories may include a laptop computer and radio equipment. Capital Reserve Fund established in year 2001. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Project requested by Police Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Police Radio Replacements—Provides funding for replacement of the digital radios that were purchased in 2003/04 which have an estimated ten (10) year life expectancy. **Project requested by Police Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for the replacement of Fire Department Vehicles and Equipment which are generally on a 25-year and 30-year replacement schedule. Capital Reserve Fund established in year 2002. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Project requested by the Fire Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Fire Station Addition—No funding is proposed at this time; however, construction is proposed in year 2009. The Contoocook Fire Station which was originally constructed in 1974. The expansion will include a second story addition that will provide needed space for (male/female) sleeping quarters, offices, training, and a new apparatus bay. The estimated cost in 2006 was $1,600,000. **Requested by Fire Department and prioritized by the Planning Board desirable and requiring more research, planning and coordination. Project addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter of the Master Plan.**

Public Works Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding of Public Works Vehicles & Equipment that are generally on a 7-year and 10-year replacement schedule. Capital Reserve Fund established in year 2003. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Project requested by Public Works Department and not**

prioritized by the Planning Board as project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.

Building/Grounds Town Facilities Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued funding for improvements/renovations to town facilities. Use of funds to include replacement of furnaces, roofs, windows, carpets, painting interior and exterior of buildings, also for exterior grounds work around town facilities. Expendable maintenance Trust Fund established in year 2002. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Project requested by Public Works Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board prioritized by the Planning Board as the project is classified as a non-capital project. Project addressed in the Town-Owned Historic Structures chapter of the Master Plan.**

Building/Grounds - Equipment—Provides funding for the replacement of the 1998 Ford Pick-up with a one to two year old used van to be used to transport equipment and materials in performing building maintenance. Additionally, provides funding for replacement of the 2001 Kubota 4 x 4 tractor with mower and snow blower. Appropriations over two-years are proposed. **Project requested by Public Works Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Building/Grounds – Maintenance/Storage Garage—Provides funding for the construction of a garage for the department's operation, maintenance and storage of equipment, materials and supplies. Appropriation in one-year is proposed. **Project requested by Public Works Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is addressed in the Master Plan.**

Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding of Transfer Station equipment that is generally on a 10-year replacement schedule. The loader is heavily used and will have high hours at the time of trade-in. Other equipment to be replaced within the next ten-years: 1989 Accurate trailer and 1989 Unibridge vehicle scale. The Accurate trailers are usually replaced every 10-years. Annual appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Project requested by the Superintendent of Public Works-Waste and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Sludge Removal & Facility Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for an on-going requirement for periodic sludge removal and aeration upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Requested by Wastewater Department and prioritized by the Planning Board as necessary. Project addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter of the Master Plan.**

Recreation Equipment/Facilities Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued funding for recreation equipment and maintenance. Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund established in year 2002. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. Equipment includes: Trampoline, canoes and vests, metal storage boxes, swim lines, signs, guard stand, etc. **Project requested by Recreation Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Recreation Shuttle Bus Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for the purchase and future replacement of a 24-passenger shuttle bus that may be used by the Hopkinton Recreation Department for transporting participants in their programs. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed with no timetable established for purchase. It is

anticipated that the purchase of the bus will decrease program costs associated with transportation. **Requested by Recreation Department and prioritized by the Planning Board as requiring more research, planning and coordination. Project addressed in the Community Facilities chapter of the Master Plan.**

Library Replacement Building Systems Capital Reserve Fund—Provides continued funding for replacement of Library building systems such as the roof, HVAC/boiler, and carpeting as they reach there life span. Capital Reserve Fund established in year 2004. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. The carpet replacement is anticipated in year 2012, and roof replacement and HVAC/Boiler replacement is anticipated in year 2017. **Requested by the Library Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Library Building/Grounds Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued funding for painting the interior and exterior of the Library every 5-years on an annual rotating schedule and allows for continued grounds development and maintenance on an annual basis. Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund established in year 2004. Appropriations over ten-years are proposed. **Requested by the Library Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

Library Technology Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund—Provides continued funding for replacement and maintenance of Library operating systems, network and their equipment. Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund established in year 2003. **Requested by Library Department and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is not addressed in the Master Plan.**

District Technology—Provides funds for the annual replacement/expansion of hardware and district wide software per the District approved Technology Plan. The School District anticipates that the amount will increase every five years by $25,000. The amount does not include building software or special initiatives. This figure does not include increased labor costs associated with the plan. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project; however, it is addressed in the Technology Chapter of the Master Plan.**

District Maintenance Trust—Annual allocation to Maintenance Trust Fund with intention of accumulating sufficient funds to meet the maintenance or replacement of equipment needs annually. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project and is outside the scope of the Master Plan.**

District Maintenance Van—Provides funds for the replacement of the 2000 Ford Econoline Van that was purchased in 2000. Van is used by the Facilities Maintenance Director uses on a daily basis. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project that is outside of the scope of the Master Plan.**

District 24-Passanger Bus—Provides funds to replace the 2006 Thomas Minotour bus with an E-F450 Ford Chassis purchased in June 2005 to provide Special Education, Vocational and Kindergarten Transportation. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board as the project was determined to be a non-capital project that is outside of the scope of the Master Plan.**

District Roof Repair (Harold Martin School)—Provides funds for repairs to the Harold Martin School roof which was not completed with the 2004-05 Bond. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project addressed in the Historic and Cultural Resources and Community Facilities chapters of the Master Plan.**

Carpet Replacement (Maple Street School)—Provides funds for the removal of carpeting and installation of tile in hallways at Maple Street School, which is a safety hazard. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project addressed in the Historic and Cultural Resources and Community Facilities chapters of the Master Plan.**

HVAC – Art Room at Hopkinton High School—Provides funds for the installation of a HVAC unit in Art Room at Hopkinton High School which has the kiln. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is classified as a non-capital project addressed in the Historic and Cultural Resources and Community Facilities chapters of the Master Plan.**

New Garage (Hopkinton High School)—Work with the Concord High School Vocational Program to have the kids enrolled in the Construction Technology course work to build a new 24' x 24' garage. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is not classified in the Master Plan.**

Track—Provides funding for the installation of a track at Hopkinton High School. **Requested by School District and not prioritized by the Planning Board. Project is not classified in the Master Plan.**

District Renovation/Addition to School Facilities—Provides funds for renovations and additions to Harold Martin School, Maple Street School and Hopkinton High School. The Hopkinton School District formed a Facility Committee, which in turn created five subcommittees (Data Analysis, Community Partnership, Construction/Life Safety, Ed Specs and Finance) which in turn have brought forward requests to the School Board to be considered for this Bond. **Requested by School District and prioritized by the Planning Board as requiring research, planning and coordination. Master Plan addresses the need to "maintain an appropriate staff, maintenance, and capacity for learning programs in our current facilities".**

Note: See Capital Project Worksheets for project description and narrative.

Capital Improvements Program, FY 2008 to FY 2017
Summary of Potential Projects, Costs, and Ranking

	Applicant				Planning Board	
DEPARTMENT REQUESTS/PROJECT TITLE	Proposed Year	Estimated Cost	Project Description	Current Funding	Priority Rank 1-5	Goal/Recommendation from Master Plan
CAPITAL PROJECTS						
Community Center	2008-2017	$771,041	Construction	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Town Hall Renovations	2008-2010	$140,446	Rehabilitation	Capital Reserve	5	Community Facilities Chapter p. 16, Historic & Cultural Resources p. 1
Fire Station Addition - Contoocook	2009	$1,600,000	Construction		3, 5	Community Facilities Chapter p. 15
Building/Grounds - Maint./Storage Garage	2008	$95,000	Construction		N/A	Not Addressed
Municipal Wastewater - Removal/Upgrade	2008-2017	$100,174	Infrastructure	Capital Reserve	2	Community Facilities Chapter p. 16
Recreation Shuttle Bus	2008-2015	$50,227	New Vehicle	Capital Reserve	5	Community Facilities Chapter p. 17
Old Hopkinton Cemetery	2008-2012	$25,000	Expansion		4	Community Facilities Chapter p. 17
Contoocook Village Cemetery	2008-2012	$60,868	Expansion/Infrastructure	Capital Reserve	3	Community Facilities Chapter p. 17
Blackwater Cemetery	2008-2017	$100,585	Expansion/Infrastructure	Capital Reserve	4	Community Facilities Chapter p. 17
New Garage - HHS	2008/09	$20,000	Construction		N/A	Not Addressed
School Renovations	2008/09	$7,546,667	Construction		5	Community Facilities Chapter p. 17
Track - School	2008/09-2016/17	$802,000	Construction		N/A	Not Addressed.
NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS						
Computer Hardware/Software	2008-2017	$150,496	Replacement	Maint. Fund	N/A	Community Facilities Chapter p. 14-16
Legal		$0	Funding	Maint. Fund	N/A	Not Addressed
Benefits Pay	2008-2017	$57,831	Funding	Maint. Fund	N/A	Not Addressed
Human Services		$0	Funding	Maint. Fund	N/A	Not Addressed
Police Cruisers/Accessories	2008-2017	$371,496	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Police Radio Replacement Program*	2008-2017	$70,000	Replacement		N/A	Not Addressed
Fire Vehicles/Equipment	2008-2017	$1,145,264	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Public Works Vehicles/Equipment	2008-2017	$1,216,615	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS/PROJECT TITLE	Applicant: Proposed Year	Applicant: Estimated Cost	Applicant: Project Description	Applicant: Current Funding	Planning Board: Priority Rank 1-5	Planning Board: Goal/Recommendation from Master Plan
Building/Grounds - Town Facilities	2008-2017	$305,624	Maintenance	Maint. Fund	N/A	Community Facilities Chapter
Building/Grounds - Equipment	2008-2009	$40,000	Replacement		N/A	Not Addressed
Transfer Station Equipment	2008-2017	$285,523	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Recreation Facilities/Equipment	2008-2017	$70,191	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Library Replacement Bldg. Systems	2008-2017	$207,566	Replacement	Capital Reserve	N/A	Not Addressed
Library Technology	2008-2017	$109,791	Replacement	Maint. Fund	N/A	Technology & Community Facilities Chapter
Library Building/Grounds	2008-2017	$71,608	Maintenance	Capital Reserve	N/A	Community Facilities Chapter p. 16
Technology - School District Wide	2007/08-2016/17	$1,075,000	Replacement	Maint. Fund	N/A	Technology & Community Facilities Chapter
Maintenance Trust - School District	2007/08-2016/17	$595,938	Maintenance	Maint. Fund	N/A	Historic & Cultural Resources p. 1
Maintenance Van - School District	2009/10	$35,000	Replacement		N/A	Not Addressed
24-Passanger Bus - School District	2014/15	$70,000	Replacement		N/A	Not Addressed
Harold Martin Roof Repair	2008/09	$200,000	Replacement		N/A	Historic & Cultural Resources p. 1, Community Facilities Chapter 17
Carpet Replacement - MSS	2008/09	$50,000	Replacement		N/A	Historic & Cultural Resources p. 1, Community Facilities Chapter 17
HVAC - Art Room - HHS	2008/09	$15,000	Replacement		N/A	Historic & Cultural Resources p. 1, Community Facilities Chapter 17

Evaluation Criteria	Ranking Score
Urgent - Cannot be delayed; needed for health and safety.	1
Necessary - Needed to maintain existing level and quality of community services.	2
Desirable - Needed to improve quality or level of services.	3
Deferrable - Can be placed on hold until after 10 year period, but supports for Capital Projects.	4
Research - Needs more research, planning and coordination.	5
Not Applicable - Project not addressed in Master Plan or is Non-Capital.	N/A

Capital Improvements Program, FY 2008 to FY 2017
Expenditures for Municipal Government Departments

DEPARTMENT	CRF/ETF Balance 4/2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
General Government												
Community Center	$271,041	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$771,041
Less Expenditures Proposed		Construction time line to be determined - Bonded Project										
Town Hall Renovations	$20,446	$30,000	$40,000	$50,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$140,446
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$30,000	-$40,000	-$50,000								-$120,000
Computer Hardware/Software	$496	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$150,496
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$15,000	-$150,000
Legal	$25,754	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$25,754
Less Expenditures Proposed												
Benefits Pay	$7,831	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$57,831
Less Expenditures Proposed		Expenditure time table undetermined - dependent upon time of leave										
Human Services	$26,324	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$26,324
Less Expenditures Proposed												
Open Space ($3,073,250 balance as of 6/2007)		Case by Case - Time Table Undetermined.										
Less Expenditures Proposed												
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$100,000**	**$110,000**	**$120,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	**$70,000**	
Public Safety												
Police Cruisers/Accessories	$16,496	$34,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$36,000	$36,000	$36,000	$36,000	$37,000	$371,496
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$30,000	-$30,000	-$60,000	-$20,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$31,000	-$62,000	-$31,000	-$31,000	-$355,000
Police Radio Replacements Program	$0	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$70,000
Less Expenditures Proposed		Expenditure time line to be determined										
Fire Vehicles/Equipment	$100,264	$75,000	$100,000	$100,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$1,145,264
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$8,000		-$200,000		-$500,000		-$225,000				-$933,000
Fire Station Addition - Contoocook	$0	$0	$50,355	$174,355	$163,600	$159,200	$154,800	$150,400	$146,000	$141,600	$137,200	$1,600,000
Less Expenditures Proposed												
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$116,000**	**$192,355**	**$316,355**	**$315,600**	**$311,200**	**$307,800**	**$303,400**	**$299,000**	**$294,600**	**$291,200**	

DEPARTMENT	CRF/ETF Balance 4/2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Public Works												
Public Works Vehicles/Equipment	$116,615	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$1,216,615
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$90,000	-$70,000		-$90,000	-$105,000	-$60,000	-$95,000	-$100,000	-$120,000	-$270,000	-$1,000,000
Building/Grounds - Town Facilities	$55,624	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$305,624
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$49,500	Expenditure time line to be determined									-$49,500
Building/Grounds - Equipment		$15,000	$25,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$40,000
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$15,000	-$25,000									-$40,000
Building/Grounds - Maint./Storage Garage		$95,000										$95,000
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$95,000										-$95,000
Transfer Station Equipment	$10,523	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$27,500	$285,523
Less Expenditures Proposed			-$65,000			-$50,000			-$75,000		-$95,000	-$285,000
Municipal Wastewater - Removal/Upgrade	$174	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$100,174
Less Expenditures Proposed		Expenditure time line - 20 Years										
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$282,500**	**$197,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	**$172,500**	
Cemeteries												
Old Hopkinton Cemetery	$0	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000						$25,000
Less Expenditures Proposed						$25,000						
Contoocook Village Cemetery	$21,868	$7,800	$7,800	$7,800	$7,800	$7,800						$60,868
Less Expenditures Proposed						$60,868						
Blackwater Cemetery	$5,585	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$100,585
Less Expenditures Proposed												
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$22,300**	**$22,300**	**$22,300**	**$22,300**	**$22,300**	**$9,500**	**$9,500**	**$9,500**	**$9,500**	**$9,500**	
Recreation												
Recreation Shuttle Bus	$10,227	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$0	$0	$50,227
Less Expenditures Proposed		Expenditure time line to be determined										
Recreation Facilities/Equipment	$20,191	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$70,191
Less Expenditures Proposed		Expenditure time line to be determined										
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**	**$5,000**	**$5,000**	

DEPARTMENT	CRF/ETF Balance 4/2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Library												
Library Replacement Bldg. Systems	$37,102	$12,000	$12,000	$14,000	$14,000	$14,000	$16,000	$21,000	$21,000	$21,000	$25,000	$207,566
Less Expenditures Proposed						-$33,000						$33,000
Library Technology	$7,991	$8,600	$9,600	$9,400	$9,400	$9,400	$9,200	$10,200	$12,000	$12,000	$12,000	$109,791
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$6,300	-$6,000	-$19,000	-$7,000	-$16,000	-$7,000	-$7,000	-$17,500	-$6,000	-$7,000	-$98,800
Library Building/Grounds	$13,608	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$8,000	$8,000	$71,608
Less Expenditures Proposed		-$7,000	-$6,000	-$2,900	-$8,500	-$6,900	-$5,500	-$3,500	-$13,000	-$8,900	-$5,500	-$67,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$25,600	$26,600	$28,400	$28,400	$28,400	$30,200	$36,200	$38,000	$41,000	$45,000	
Principal & Interest - Bonded Debt												Bond Debt
Transfer Station ('90 for 20 yrs.)		$45,440	$42,720									$800,000
Landfill Closure ('98 for 20 yrs.)		$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$139,450	$1,859,000
Open Space - Beyer, Carson, Rollins ('05 - 15 yrs.)		$77,762	$75,887	$74,012	$72,137	$70,137	$67,637	$65,262	$62,762	$60,262	$58,262	$761,500
Open Space - Rice ('05 - 20 yrs.)		$44,756	$43,506	$42,256	$41,006	$39,756	$38,506	$37,256	$36,006	$34,756	$33,506	$490,000
Open Space - Myron ('05 - 15 yrs.)		$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$27,544	$307,000
Open Space - Ransmeier ('06 - 20 yrs.)		$33,770	$32,962	$32,154	$31,345	$30,537	$29,729	$28,921	$28,112	$27,304	$26,496	$368,250
TOTAL BOND DEBT EXPENDITURES		$368,722	$362,069	$315,416	$311,482	$307,424	$302,866	$298,433	$293,874	$289,316	$285,258	$4,585,750
Revenues - Off Setting												Revenues
Transfer Station (20% Webster)		-$9,088	-$8,544									-$17,632
Landfill Closure (20% Warner after Grant)		-$23,112	-$23,272	-$23,439	-$23,614	-$23,796	-$23,896	-$24,183	-$24,388	-$24,500	-$24,500	-$238,700
Landfill Closure State Grant		-$20,920	-$20,890	-$20,860	-$20,825	-$20,790	-$20,750	-$20,720	-$20,675	-$20,675	-$20,675	-$207,780
TOTAL REVENUES - OFF-SETTING		-$53,120	-$52,706	-$44,299	-$44,439	-$44,586	-$44,646	-$44,903	-$45,063	-$45,175	-$45,175	-$464,112
ANNUAL EXPENSES		$872,002	$868,118	$940,672	$885,843	$877,238	$858,220	$855,130	$847,811	$836,741	$833,283	$4,121,638

Capital Improvements Program, FY 2008 to FY 2017
Expenditures for School District

DEPARTMENT	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL
School District											
Technology - District Wide	$75,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$1,075,000
Less Expenditures Proposed	-$75,000										
Maintenance Trust	$55,938	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$595,938
Less Expenditures Proposed	-$55,938										
Maintenance Van			$35,000						$35,000		
Less Expenditures Proposed											
24-Passanger Bus								$70,000			$70,000
Less Expenditures Proposed											
Harold Martin Roof Repair		$200,000									$200,000
Less Expenditures Proposed											$0
Carpet Replacement at MSS		$50,000									$50,000
Less Expenditures Proposed											$0
New Garage - HHS		$20,000									$20,000
Less Expenditures Proposed											$0
HVAC - Art Room at HHS		$15,000									$15,000
Less Expenditures Proposed											
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$0	$445,000	$195,000	$160,000	$160,000	$160,000	$185,000	$255,000	$220,000	$185,000	$2,025,938
Principal & Interest - Bonded Debt											
School Renovations/Addition ('97/'98 - 2018)	$428,211	$548,125	$548,025	$547,325	$546,025	$544,413	$547,100	$543,800	$548,700	$547,450	$5,349,174
School Roofs ('04/'05 - 2010)	$118,028	$114,710	$111,355								$344,093
School Renovations		$346,667	$1,005,000	$975,000	$945,000	$915,000	$885,000	$855,000	$825,000	$795,000	$7,546,667
Track		$26,000	$112,750	$108,250	$103,750	$99,250	$94,750	$90,250	$85,750	$81,250	$802,000
TOTAL BOND DEBT EXPENDITURES	$546,239	$1,035,502	$1,777,130	$1,630,575	$1,594,775	$1,558,663	$1,526,850	$1,489,050	$1,459,450	$1,423,700	$14,041,934
Revenues - Off Setting											
School District Bldg. Project (State Aid)	-$97,500	-$111,000	-$115,500	-$120,000	-$124,500	-$34,500	-$94,500	-$135,000	-$139,500	-$27,000	-$999,000
School District Roof Project (State Aid)	-$32,910	-$32,910	-$32,910								-$98,730
School District Bldg. Project (State Aid)			-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$180,000	-$1,440,000
School District Track Project (State Aid)			-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$30,000	-$240,000
TOTAL REVENUES - OFF-SETTING	-$130,410	-$143,910	-$358,410	-$330,000	-$334,500	-$244,500	-$304,500	-$345,000	-$349,500	-$237,000	-$2,777,730
ANNUAL EXPENSES	$415,829	$1,336,592	$1,613,720	$1,460,575	$1,420,275	$1,474,163	$1,407,350	$1,399,050	$1,329,950	$1,371,700	$13,290,142

Adopted by the Hopkinton Planning Board on September 11, 2007 .

Present: Bruce Ellsworth, Chairman
Scott Flood, Ex-Officio
Jane Bradstreet
Celeste Hemingson
Michael Wilkey
Edwin Taylor
Cettie Connolly

Absent: Timothy Britain, Vice Chairman
Bethann McCarthy
Clarke Kidder

It is important to understand that the CIP is an advisory document that is intended to assist in recognizing the future needs of the Town and School District. The inclusion of any particular project in the CIP does not commit the Town or School District to the expenditure. Preparation of the Town and School District annual budgets is the responsibility of elected official and not the Planning Board.

Figures shown may not reflect actual budgetary figures. Costs were not considered by Planning Board when ranking projects.

THE CAPITAL RESERVE REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NH
JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

PURPOSE	BEGIN BAL	ADDED	EXPENDED	INTEREST	END BALANCE
CONT VIL PRCT C/R	$ 20,702.43	$ 123,428.00	$ -	$ 2,350.33	$ 146,480.76
HOPK SD MAIN/REN C/R	$ 283,898.65	$ -	$ 142,960.43	$ 12,046.81	$ 152,985.03
COMMUNITY CENTER C/R	$ 242,176.60	$ 25,000.00	$ 6,432.50	$ 12,858.05	$ 273,602.15
HOP VIL PRCT C/R	$ 117.25	$ -	$ -	$ 7.30	$ 124.55
HARDWARE/SOFTWARE C/R	$ 400.27	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,410.99	$ 23.17	$ 512.45
POLICE CRUISER C/R	$ 8,097.57	$ 33,000.00	$ 30,318.57	$ 576.98	$ 11,355.98
SLUDGE REMOVAL C/R	$ 14,216.29	$ -	$ 14,133.25	$ 95.81	$ 178.85
TRANSFER STA EQU C/R	$ 97,724.54	$ 36,464.00	$ 125,264.00	$ 2,358.24	$ 11,282.78
AMBULANCE DEFIB C/R	$ 3,580.82	$ -	$ 3,633.71	$ 52.89	$ -
BLACKWATER CEM C/R	$ 5,493.92	$ -	$ -	$ 279.62	$ 5,773.54
FIRE TRUCK C/R	$ 59,986.05	$ 82,500.00	$ 34,639.54	$ 4,401.26	$ 112,247.77
CONT VIL REVITA C/R	$ 51,713.28	$ -	$ 9,504.28	$ 2,559.81	$ 44,768.81
HIGHWAY VEHICLE C/R	$ 6,507.79	$ 110,000.00	$ 74,230.87	$ 2,123.17	$ 44,400.09
LIB REPLACEMENT BLDG C/R	$ 28,102.08	$ 9,000.00	$ -	$ 1,680.94	$ 38,783.02
LEGAL FUND C/R	$ 741.76	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,042.90	$ 659.59	$ 1,358.45
CONT CEM VILLAGE IMP C/R	$ 21,512.53	$ -	$ -	$ 1,095.07	$ 22,607.60
RECREATION VAN C/R	$ 5,142.02	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 404.17	$ 10,546.19
TOWN HALL RENO C/R	$ 438.69	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ 578.81	$ 21,017.50
TOTAL	$ 850,552.54	$ 476,892.00	$ 473,571.04	$ 44,152.02	$ 898,025.52

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita A. Cressy,
Clerk

The Contoocook Village Precinct enjoyed another successful year providing quality water and services to the residents.

We had no major projects this year, having decided to realize the cost savings available by doing the re-lining of the Spring Street water main in one session in 2008. Monies were put into the Capital Reserve fund to even out the impact of the cost of this work.

We made the repairs to the access road up to Bear Pond, installed rip-rap at the brook crossings and re-graded over the water lines to provide additional cover as planned. The repairs that were made in and around the dam last year held up well and appear to be well stabilized.

We continued with our program of upgrades at the water treatment plant with new meters being installed. This is an ongoing program to keep the equipment current and in top working order.

After much discussion over the scope of the engineering study we had proposed, we decided to delay action. Internally we were able to begin studying our rate structure by compiling data from other water providers. Money earmarked for this is being placed into the Capital Reserve account and we anticipate redefining the scope of the study for 2008. We are seeing an increase in the number and size of irrigation systems. Although our water supply has not yet been an issue, treatment capacity at the plant is an issue. During dry spells and heavy water usage periods the supply available in the tank has gone below a desired level. We will be looking at appropriate policies to address this issue so that all users may remain confident of an adequate supply of water for domestic purposes.

We were fortunate this year to not have as many repairs as in recent years. This allowed us to direct some effort to the standing list of improvements to be made as the opportunity arises. As part of that program, we filled and re-graded around the water tank at the plant to improve drainage and security at the tank site. We took the opportunity to do some overdue maintenance and improvements on the plant building. We also replaced some of the deteriorated water valves and will continue as resources are available.

This year we began to build a group of part-time people to help with a number of on-going tasks and projects such as the meter reading, valve location and line flushing. We were able to get some good help and this proved to be a successful venture that we expect to continue.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Federal Environmental Protection Agency water quality testing standards continue to be an issue. Steve Clough has been successful in balancing the required treatment so that we continue to meet the water quality standards. This area will continue to present new challenges.

Once again the Precinct Commissioners wish to thank Steve Clough, Sharon Dow, Dick Strickford and our part-timers for their dedication and efforts during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Contoocook Village Precinct Commissioners

Robert J. Carpenter
William D. Chapin
Mark Hemmerlein

Warrant
Contoocook Village Precinct
2008 Annual Report

To the Inhabitants of CONTOOCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT in the Town of HOPKINTON, County of MERRIMACK, in said STATE, who are qualified to vote in Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to convene at the Annual Meeting of Contoocook Village Precinct at the Community Room in the Hopkinton Library in said Precinct on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 2008 at 7:00 PM (local time) to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear and act on reports of the Precinct Officers.

2. To elect a MODERATOR for the ensuing year.

3. To elect a CLERK for the ensuing year.

4. To elect a TREASURER for the ensuing year.

5. To elect an AUDITOR for the ensuing year.

6. To elect a COMMISSIONER for the ensuing year.

7. To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $64,000.00 for salaries and administrative expenses.

• Precinct Wages	$44,000.00
• Financial Administration	9,500.00
• Legal Expense	1,000.00
• Personnel Administration (FICA)	3,200.00
• Insurance	4,200.00
• Advertising & Memberships	500.00
• Taxes	1,600.00

8. To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,000.00 for:

• Street Lighting	19,000.00

9. To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $57,000.00 for water distribution and treatment.

• Water Services	47,000.00
• Water Treatment	10,000.00

10. To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,134.00 from surplus monies raised from connection fees and water rents from 2007 into the Capital Reserve for Repair, Replacement, and Improvements.

11. To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Commissioners to raise and appropriate through assessment of taxes, the sum of $115,000.00, to be placed in the Capital Reserve for Repair, Replacement, and Improvements.

12. To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Commissioners to raise and appropriate $10,000.00 from the Capital Reserve for Repair, Replacement, and Improvements, for engineering and planning services related to a survey of the capacity of the pond and existing water lines and facilities and update of the rates and connection fees.

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BUDGET FORM FOR VILLAGE DISTRICTS

WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

DATE OF MEETING: March 25, 2008

VILLAGE DISTRICT: Contoocook Village Precinct County: Merrimack

In the Town(s) Of: Hopkinton

Mailing Address: PO Box 414

Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone #: 603-746-3538 Fax #: 603-218-6157 E-Mail: sdow@horizonsengineering.com

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. RSA 32:5 requires this budget be prepared on a "gross" basis showing all revenues and appropriations. At least one public hearing must be held on this budget.

2. This budget must be posted with the Village District warrant not later than the fifteenth day before the day of the meeting.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the village district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	7	43,000	40,893	44,000		44,000	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	7	8,500	7,813	9,500		9,500	
4153	Legal Expense	7	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	7	3,000	2,854	3,200		3,200	
4194	General Government Buildings		0	0	0		0	
4196	Insurance	7	4,000	3,635	4,200		4,200	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7	500	0	500		500	
4199	Other General Government	7	2,000	1,456	1,600		1,600	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police							
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire							
4290-4298	Emergency Management							
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4312	Highways & Streets		0	0	0		0	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0		0	
4316	Street Lighting	8	17,000	17,690	19,000		19,000	
4319	Other		0	0	0		0	
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4332	Water Services	9	46,500	45,555	47,000		47,000	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other	9	10,000	9,675	10,000		10,000	
	HEALTH/WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation							
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes							
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		8,600	8,600	0		0	
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land and Improvements		0	0				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	14	20,000	14,033	25,000		25,000	
4903	Buildings		0	0	0		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	12,13	25,000	15,972	225,000		225,000	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							

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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4914	To Proprietary Fund							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		168,428	168,428	134,553		134,553	
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		357,528	336,605	524,553		524,553	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount		Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4909	12	10,000				
4909	13	215,000				

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	Capital Reserve/water mains	11	100,000	100,000	115,000		115,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		100,000	100,000	115,000	XXXXXXXXX	115,000	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases, or items of a one time nature.

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
							0	
4909	reline Spring Street, Engineering	12,13	25,000	15,472	225,000		225,000	
4902	chlorination system, computer	14	20,000	14,033	25,000		25,000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		45,000	29,505	250,000	XXXXXXXXX	250,000	XXXXXXXXX

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes				
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	0	0
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		2539	2,539	2,539
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401	Income from Departments				
3402	Water Supply System Charges		70,000	74,050	74,000
3403	Sewer User Charges				
3404	Garbage - Refuse Charges				
3409	Other Charges		1,000	1,000	1,000
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Village District Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		100	215	200
3503-3509	Other		7,500	1,959	3,500
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Proprietary Funds				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		45,000	45,000	225,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		23,428	23,428	19,553
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		149,567	148,191	325,792

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR	COMMISSIONERS	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	357,528	524,553	524,553
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)	100,000	115,000	115,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)	45,000	250,000	250,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	357,528	524,553	524,553
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	149,567	325,792	325,792
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	207,961	198,761	198,761

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 52,455
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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Warrant
Hopkinton Village Precinct
2008 Annual Report

To the residents of Hopkinton Village Precinct, located in the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall located in Hopkinton Village on Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To elect the following officers:

- Moderator for the ensuring year
- Treasurer for the ensuring year
- Clerk for the ensuring year
- Precinct Commissioners for three years
- Members of the Water Board for three years

Article 2: To hear reports of officers, boards and committees and to take appropriate action with respect thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $177,910.00 for general expenses and debt service of the Water Department, including

Water Services:	$166,846.00
Principal Payments:	$5,000.00
Interest on Precinct debt incurred for Waterworks purposes:	$6,064.00

$177,910.00 of the appropriate is to be provided by the Water Department. No funds from the General Fund are included. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,050 for the general expenses of the Precinct to the funding of which $6,588 of available fund balance and $235 of other income shall be applied as revenue and $14,227 will be raised by Precinct taxes.

Article 5: To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Water Board and Precinct Commissioners to borrow funds in anticipation of revenues, in accordance with RSA 33:7, for current maintenance and operation expenses of the Water Department, if required. Payment of principal and interest shall be provided by the Water Department.

Article 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 21 day of ~~March~~ FEB in the year of ~~our Lord~~ Two Thousand Eight.

Precinct Commissioners:

Craig M. Dunning

Kimberly Lajoie

Peter Gagnon

A true copy of Warrant Attest
Precinct Commissioners:

Craig M. Dunning

Kimberly Lajoie

Peter Gagnon

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BUDGET FORM FOR VILLAGE DISTRICTS

WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

DATE OF MEETING: 7:30 PM, March 20, 2008 at the Town Hall

VILLAGE DISTRICT: Hopkinton Village Precinct, Hopkinton, Merrimack County NH

Mailing Address: Craig Dunning, 206 Old Putney Hill Road, Hopkinton NH 03229

Phone #: 603 746 5119 Fax #:_____ E-Mail: craigd@cobbhill.com

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. RSA 32:5 requires this budget be prepared on a "gross" basis showing all revenues and appropriations. At least one public hearing must be held on this budget.

2. This budget must be posted with the Village District warrant not later than the fifteenth day before the day of the meeting.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the village district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on Febuary 22, 2008

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	4	850	923	1,050		1,050	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	4	2,700	2,500	0		0	
4153	Legal Expense	4	2,500	625	2,500		2,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4194	General Government Buildings	4	5,000	2,146	5,000		5,000	
4196	Insurance	4	1,200	798	900		900	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4	600	425	600		600	
4199	Other General Government	4	3,100	2,270	3,100		3,100	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police							
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire							
4290-4298	Emergency Management							
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets							
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting	4	7,300	6,825	7,300		7,300	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	4	600	600	600		600	
4332	Water Services	3	49,407	33,075	67,846		67,846	
4335-4339	Treatment, Conserv., New Well				99,000		99,000	
	HEALTH/WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation							
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	4,144	1,519	6,064		6,064	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes							
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land and Improvements							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							

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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4914	To Proprietary Fund							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		82,401	56,706	198,960		198,960	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount		Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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4909	Second Well Water Source		99,000	0	0			
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			99,000	0	0	XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes				
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		135	155	135
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401	Income from Departments		58,551	52,809	78,910
3402	Water Supply System Charges				
3403	Sewer User Charges				
3404	Garbage - Refuse Charges				
3409	Other Charges		100	0	100
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Village District Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3503-3509	Other				
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Proprietary Funds				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		99,000	0	99,000
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		8,014	8,014	6,588
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		165,800	60,978	184,733

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR	COMMISSIONERS	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	82,401	198,960	198,960
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)	99,000	0	0
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)	0	0	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	181,401	198,960	198,960
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	165,800	184,733	184,733
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	15,601	14,227	14,227

Maximum Allowed Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 207,850
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21

VERSION # 1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT: HOPKINTON Fiscal year end 2008

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total **RECOMMENDED** by Budget Comm.> (See Posted Budget MS&, 27 or 37	198,960
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	5,000
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds and Notes	6,064
4.Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33::7-b	99,000
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6.Tota; exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	110,064
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	88,896
8. Line 7 Times 10%	8,890
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	207,850

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.
Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector
2007 Annual Report

The Tax Collector's office is responsible for collecting revenue for property taxes, current use, timber, excavation taxes, and the Contoocook village precinct water & sewer fees.

The Town Clerk's office registers and titles motor vehicles, registers boats and OHRVs, licenses dogs, sells hunting and fishing licenses, issues transfer station stickers, and issues birth, marriage and death certificates. The office also administers elections, absentee ballots and voter registrations. The clerk's office maintains town records, IRS liens, processes wetlands applications, and issues marriage and civil union licenses. Please visit the Town Clerk's page on the town website at www.hopkinton-nh.gov for information.

In order to renew any registration, you must present either the registration to be renewed or the state renewal letter that was mailed to you. We will ask for photo identification for all requests for certified copies of vital records including birth, death or marriage certificates as well as all notary services. These requirements were enacted to protect an individual's right to confidentiality of information.

Please remember to license your dog. Fred Finnerty, Hopkinton's Animal Control officer, does a fantastic job with your lost or wandering pets. To ensure your pet's safety, place the tag you are issued on the dog's collar so it can be identified and returned to its owner. NH law states all dogs four months or older must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed with the town annually between January 1 and April 30. If you no longer have a dog, please notify the office so we can remove your name from the list.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 846 Main Street in Contoocook village. Our phone number is 746-3179 or 3180. E-mails may be sent to hoptaxcollector@tds.net or hoptownclerk@tds.net. Please stop in or call us with any questions.

Sandi, Carol and I extend our appreciation to the residents for their friendly attitudes and tidbits of wisdom. We enjoy working with the people in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue B. Strickford
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of HOPKINTON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2007	PRIOR LEVIES 2006	2005	2004+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	$ 994,823.41	$ 1,254.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	$ 19,177.78	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	$ 2,929.16	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	$ 23,741.19	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
		xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY
Property Taxes	#3110	$ 16,036,732.00	$ 0.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	$ 15,029.02	$ 0.00	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	
Utility Charges	#3189	$ 169,254.77	$ 0.00	
Betterment Taxes		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	

OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		$ 5,220.41			
New This Fiscal Year		$ 7,704.38			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	$ 12,277.38	$ 49,428.38	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 16,246,217.96	$ 1,090,099.92	$ 1,254.00	$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of HOPKINTON Year Ending 12/31/2007

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2007	PRIOR LEVIES 2006	2005	2004+
Property Taxes	$ 14,993,112.86	$ 726,574.59	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 9,766.39	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 14,620.32	$ 2,434.53	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	$ 12,277.38	$ 49,428.38	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 145,448.47	$ 19,251.89	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	$ 0.00	$ 230,832.77	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	$ 5,220.41			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	$ 34,006.98	$ 50,821.91	$ 1,254.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 676.21	$ 115.35	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	$ 1,009,612.16	$ 874.11	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 408.70	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 23,130.09	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	$ 0.00			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	$ 4,112.41			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	$ 3,591.97			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 16,246,217.96	$ 1,090,099.92	$ 1,254.00	$ 0.00

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of HOPKINTON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2007	PRIOR LEVIES 2006	2005	2004+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		$ 0.00	$ 115,848.00	$ 63,855.51
Liens Executed During FY	$ 0.00	$ 250,185.75	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	$ 0.00	$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	$ 0.00	$ 5,387.73	$ 6,837.16	$ 3,636.42
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	$ 0.00	$ 255,573.48	$ 122,685.16	$ 67,491.93

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2007	PRIOR LEVIES 2006	2005	2004+
Redemptions		$ 0.00	$ 81,383.91	$ 38,891.66	$ 29,046.94
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	$ 0.00	$ 5,387.73	$ 6,837.16	$ 3,636.42
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		$ 0.00	$ 6,280.37	$ 6,173.33	$ 3,461.68
Liens Deeded to Municipality		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	$ 0.00	$ 162,521.47	$ 70,783.01	$ 31,346.89
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		$ 0.00	$ 255,573.48	$ 122,685.16	$ 67,491.93

Does your muncipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Sue B. Strickford

Town Clerk Annual Receipts
January 1 - December 31, 2007

TOWN RECEIPTS		
Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles (7,638 issued)	$963,600.38	
Municipal Agent Fees	$19,713.00	
Dog License Town Fees & Penalties (1,379 licensed)	$5,773.50	
Town Boat Registration Fees	$2,275.28	
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Fees	$1,255.00	
Miscellaneous Fees	$224.06	
Certified Copies Town Fees	$450.00	
Marriage Licenses Town Fees	$196.00	
Total Receipts Remitted to Treasurer		$993,487.22
STATE OF NH RECEIPTS		
Certified Copies - Town Remits to State	$883.00	
Dog License Fees - Town Remits to State	$3,021.00	
Marriage License Fees - Town Remits to State	$1,064.00	
Fish & Game Licenses - Town Remits to State	$2,333.50	
Fish & Game - OHRV Reg. - Town Remits to State	$9,324.00	
Total Receipts Remitted to State of NH		$16,625.50
Total Town Clerk Receipts Deposited		**$1,010,112.72**
Motor Vehicle & Boat Registrations Fees (Deposited directly to State Account)		$342,586.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**$1,010,112.72**
REMITTANCES		
State of New Hampshire	$342,586.25	
Town Treasurer	$1,010,112.72	
TOTAL REMITTANCES		**$1,352,698.97**

Town of Hopkinton
Treasurer's Report 2007

Bonita A. Cressy, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Hopkinton, NH

Balance at the time of settlement - December 31, 2006	$	**5,055,270.37**
RECEIPTS:		
U. S. Government: Payments on Federally-owned lands	$	-
Highway Block Grant	$	157,097.35
Landfill Grant	$	23,833.71
Reimbursement-Forest Fires	$	-
Revenue Sharing	$	69,301.00
Flood Control	$	176,519.49
State Grants-Other	$	2,489.78
FEMA	$	40,224.33
Rooms & Meals Tax	$	236,026.79
Federal Election Reimbursement	$	-
Reimbursement-Town Departments	$	1,904,317.73
Reimbursement-Hopkinton School District	$	8,005.28
Ella Tarr Trust	$	7,529.77
Ambulance Income	$	192,498.58
Landfill Income	$	346,180.09
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$	59,917.54
Rental-Town Property	$	21,250.00
Sale-Town Property	$	-
Other Financial Sources	$	382,403.03
Town Clerk Fees	$	1,010,112.72
Property Taxes	$	16,206,006.27
Interest on Deposits-MCSB	$	132,948.84
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	**$**	**20,976,662.30**
GRAND TOTAL:	**$**	**26,031,932.67**
TOTAL PAID ORDERS OF SELECTMEN:	**$**	**21,279,367.62**
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**4,752,565.05**

MCKERCHER FIRE FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**6,579.00**
Income from McKercher Trust	$	821.48
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	186.38
Total	$	**7,586.86**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**7,586.86**

MCKERCHER POLICE FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**658.74**
Income from McKercher Trust	$	821.48
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	35.07
Total	$	**1,515.29**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**1,515.29**

POLICE/DRUG FORFEIT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**4,418.33**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	112.91
Total	$	**4,531.24**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**4,531.24**

POLICE/DRUG FORFEIT STATE FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**529.08**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	13.50
Total	$	**542.58**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**542.58**

SEWER FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**56,761.16**
Sue Strickford-Sewer Fees	$	102,832.07
-Sewer Fees Interest	$	1,219.84
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	324.48
Total	$	**161,137.55**
Reimbursement-Town of Hopkinton, NH	$	150,150.12
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**10,987.43**

HOPKINTON TOWN FOREST

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**69,587.40**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	1,627.16
Total	$	**71,214.56**
Expended	$	43,194.36
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**28,020.20**

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**89,040.48**
Income Town of Hopkinton, NH	$	60,605.85
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	2,915.67
Total	$	**152,562.00**
Expended	$	78,600.00
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**73,962.00**

PARK RECREATION ACCOUNT

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**31,625.23**
Income	$	57,229.60
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	1,098.41
Total	$	**89,953.24**
Returned check and Fee	$	105.00
Reimbursement-Town of Hopkinton, NH	$	41,883.77

Total	$	**41,988.77**
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**47,964.47**

VEST PARTNERSHIP

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**558.51**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	-
Total	$	**558.51**
Expended	$	558.51
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	-

SNOWSHOE DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**941.22**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	14.01
Total	$	**955.23**
Expended	$	955.23
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	-

HOUSTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**323.27**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	3.15
Total	$	**326.42**
Expended	$	326.42
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	-

HERRICK SUBDIVISION PHASE I

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**7,211.16**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	184.30
Total	$	**7,395.46**
Expended	$	-

Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**7,395.46**

CHASE SUBDIVISION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**44.15**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	0.08
Total	$	**44.23**
Expended	$	44.23
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	-

LANDFILL REVOLVING

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**89,984.57**
Income	$	24,721.16
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	2,367.13
Total	$	**117,072.86**
Expended	$	10,017.80
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**107,055.06**

AMBULANCE REVOLVING

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**6,971.22**
Income	$	58,479.65
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	421.46
Total	$	**65,872.33**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**65,872.33**

PUBLIC SAFETY REVOLVING

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**24,512.22**
Income	$	75,912.62
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	709.05
Total	$	**101,133.89**

Expended	$	80,157.40
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**20,976.49**

HUMAN SERVICES

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**2,005.64**
Income	$	1,807.56
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	72.58
Total	**$**	**3,885.78**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**3,885.78**

SLUSSER SENIOR CENTER

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**947,315.86**
Income-Insurance Payment	$	168,859.25
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	15,363.82
Total	**$**	**1,131,538.93**
Expended	$	1,131,538.93
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**-**

SLUSSER SENIOR CENTER DONATIONS

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**100.93**
Income	$	318,068.24
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	2,375.27
Total	**$**	**320,544.44**
Expended	$	124,197.13
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**196,347.31**

WILSON SUBDIVISION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**2,095.26**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	22.58
Total	**$**	**2,117.84**

Expended	$	2,117.84
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**-**

SPIRIT SKATEBOARD PARK

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**5,039.73**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	50.72
Total	**$**	**5,090.45**
Expended	$	4,634.50
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**455.95**

DRENNAN SUB CONSTRUCTION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**2,612.17**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	1.99
Total	**$**	**2,614.16**
Expended	$	2,614.16
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**-**

WILDWOOD ROAD

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**26,307.13**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	672.30
Total	**$**	**26,979.43**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**26,979.43**

TRACK FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**2,536.53**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	64.81
Total	**$**	**2,601.34**
Expended	$	-

Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**2,601.34**

GRANITE VALLEY ROAD

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**8,904.76**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	227.58
Total	$	**9,132.34**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**9,132.34**

DAMONT/UPTON SUBDIVISION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**2,009.51**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	0.84
Total	$	**2,010.35**
Expended	$	2,010.35
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	-

DRENNAN SUBDIVISION ROAD

Balance as of December 31, 2006	$	**97,010.51**
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	801.98
Total	$	**97,812.49**
Expended	$	83,039.88
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	$	**14,772.61**

DUNLAP DONATION

Balance as of December 31. 2006	$	-
Income	$	8,000.00
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	127.96
Total	$	**8,127.96**
Expended	$	4,055.68

Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**4,072.28**

CLARITY INVESTMENT GROUP

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**-**
Income	$	8,800.00
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	97.99
Total	**$**	**8,897.99**
Expended	$	4,582.16
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**4,315.83**

CHASE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Balance as of December 31, 2006	**$**	**-**
Income	$	3,800.00
Interest on deposits-MCSB	$	33.10
Total	**$**	**3,833.10**
Expended	$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2007-MCSB	**$**	**3,833.10**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita A. Cressy,
Treasurer

Trust Name	Date	Purpose	Principal - Acct AM 4018 Balance 1/1/07	New Funds	Expended Funds	Gains/ Losses	Balance 12/31/07	Income - Acct AM 4018 Balance 1/1/07	Income Earned YTD	Expended Income YTD	Balance Income 12/31/07	Total Principal & Income
Hopkinton Cemetery		Lot Care	142,418.73	0.00	0.00	7,631.73	150,050.46	45,755.24	12,981.99	2,700.00	56,037.22	206,087.68
Contoocook Cemetery		Lot Care	228,488.53	400.00	0.00	12,265.35	241,153.88	101,471.43	20,845.79	0.00	122,317.22	363,471.10
Stumpfield Cemetery		Lot Care	6,245.73	0.00	0.00	334.69	6,580.42	1,281.58	569.32	0.00	1,850.91	8,431.32
Blackwater Cemetery		Lot Care	12,179.01	0.00	0.00	652.63	12,831.64	4,285.14	1,110.16	0.00	5,395.30	18,226.94
Misc. Cemeteries		Lot Care	3,864.42	0.00	0.00	207.08	4,071.50	4,565.79	352.26	0.00	4,918.05	8,989.55
Lemed, Dr Ebenezer	1834	Community Outreach	964.95		0.00	51.71	1,016.66	2,009.16	87.96		2,097.12	3,113.78
Lemed, Hannah Brook	1906	Community Outreach	944.21		0.00	50.60	994.81	1,171.81	86.07		1,257.88	2,252.68
Anderson, Hon Lars	1938	Community Outreach	1,964.85		0.00	105.29	2,070.14	5,424.87	179.10		5,603.98	7,674.12
Anderson, Isabel	1949	Community Outreach	1,961.43		0.00	105.11	2,066.54	5,288.13	178.79		5,466.92	7,533.46
Helping Hand Fund	1955	Community Outreach	14,791.57		0.00	792.63	15,584.20	10,418.91	1,348.31	2,392.59	9,374.62	24,958.82
Mary L Flanders	1990	Community Outreach	88,484.54	0.00	0.00	4,741.58	93,226.12	70,390.81	8,065.69	0.00	78,456.50	171,682.62
Chase, Ruth G	1984	Community Outreach	3,320.39		0.00	177.93	3,498.32	4,425.47	302.67		4,728.14	8,226.46
John Babson	1961	Scholarship	18,484.25		0.00	990.51	19,474.76	2,068.23	1,684.91	650.00	3,103.13	22,577.89
Marion Kimball Mem.	1961	Scholarship	5,823.59		0.00	312.07	6,135.66	1,091.42	530.84	400.00	1,222.26	7,357.92
Jessie Gould	1969	Scholarship	41.35		0.00	2.22	43.57	12.91	3.77	0.00	16.68	60.24
Earl & Evelyn Rice Memorial	1973	Scholarship	3,820.38		0.00	204.72	4,025.10	555.66	348.24	300.00	603.90	4,629.00
Harold M. Martin Mem.	1973	Scholarship	12,191.07		0.00	653.28	12,844.35	1,074.92	1,111.26	900.00	1,286.19	14,130.53
Barry Regal	1977	Scholarship	2,695.03		0.00	144.42	2,839.45	276.21	245.66	200.00	321.87	3,161.32
Andrew J Carroll Mem.	1981	Scholarship	7,263.76		0.00	389.24	7,653.00	714.87	662.12	600.00	776.99	8,429.99
W & D Sterling Mem.	1982	Scholarship	19,379.60		0.00	1,038.49	20,418.09	2,365.14	1,766.52	1,500.00	2,631.66	23,049.75
W C & MJB Sterling	1989	Scholarship	18,740.83		0.00	1,004.26	19,745.09	2,065.60	1,708.29	1,500.00	2,273.90	22,018.98
Sullivan, J & A Mem.	1985	Scholarship	9,379.95		0.00	502.64	9,882.59	831.46	855.02	700.00	986.48	10,869.07
Brooke Blanchard Mem.	1996	Scholarships	7,583.03	1,585.00	0.00	491.28	9,659.31	635.84	763.46	600.00	799.30	10,458.61
Stacey Griscom Mem.	1996	Scholarships	10,323.05		0.00	553.18	10,876.23	968.37	940.98	800.00	1,109.36	11,985.58
Christa McAuliffe Mem. Scholarship	2003	Scholarships	3,873.97	0.00	0.00	207.59	4,081.56	319.78	353.13	300.00	372.91	4,454.47
Burns, Richard	1929	Books for Children	937.04		0.00	50.21	987.25	67.52	85.41	67.52	85.42	1,072.67
Kimball, Sarah U	1943	Hopkinton Library	187.41		0.00	10.04	197.45	13.50	17.08	13.50	17.09	214.54
Richardson, Eliza	1943	Hopkinton Library	1,709.55		0.00	91.61	1,801.16	123.19	155.83	123.19	155.83	1,956.99
Lemed, Lucy	1943	Hopkinton Library	277.83		0.00	14.89	292.72	20.02	25.33	20.02	25.33	318.04
Richardson, Eliza	1943	Contoocook Library	1,218.21		0.00	65.28	1,283.49	87.78	111.04	87.78	111.05	1,394.54
Kimball, John P	1952	Hopkinton Library	374.81		0.00	20.08	394.89	27.01	34.17	27.01	34.16	429.06
Young, William P	1961	Books for Children	1,035.97		0.00	55.51	1,091.48	74.65	94.43	74.65	94.43	1,185.92
Glenn M. Haselton Mem.	1968	Children's Bks C'ck	9,952.56		0.00	533.32	10,485.88	717.17	907.21	717.17	907.21	11,393.09
Ty Houston Memorial	1978	Chld Pgrms Contoocook	562.22		0.00	30.13	592.35	40.51	51.25	40.51	51.25	643.60
Katherine E Semple	1978	Chld Bks Contoocook	5,694.93		0.00	305.17	6,000.10	410.37	519.11	410.37	519.11	6,519.21
Jessie H Brown Mem.	1982	Libraries	973.53		0.00	52.17	1,025.70	70.15	88.74	70.15	88.74	1,114.44
C Louise Wright Mem.	1983	Chld Bks Contoocook	3,347.22		0.00	179.37	3,526.59	241.20	305.11	241.20	305.11	3,831.69
Kelly, G Everett	1990	Library	36,987.51		0.00	1,982.03	38,969.54	2,665.26	3,371.55	2,665.26	3,371.54	42,341.09
Helen Young Bailey	1988	General School use	195.75		0.00	10.49	206.24	512.69	17.84		530.53	736.77
Jessie Gould	1982	School Libraries	8,676.66		0.00	464.95	9,141.61	5,175.31	790.91	625.23	5,340.98	14,482.60
Project Graduation	1990	Graduation	45,779.31	3,026.32		2,615.33	51,420.96	7,828.26	4,310.88	3,125.59	9,013.56	60,434.51
Grand Total			**743,138.73**	**5,011.32**	**0.00**	**40,090.79**	**788,240.84**	**287,543.34**	**67,968.20**	**21,851.74**	**333,659.80**	**1,121,900.64**

Total Gains & Losses	40,090.79
Total Income YTD	67,968.20

Trust Name	Principal Balance 1/1/07	New Funds	Expended Funds		Balance 12/31/07	Income Balance 1/1/07	Income Earned YTD	Expended Funds	Balance Income 12/31/07	Total Principal & Income
Hopkinton Library Tech Fund Expendable	11,296.35	8,500.00	16,484.22		3,312.13	164.27	667.39		831.66	4,143.80
Town facilities expend.funds	30,184.05	25,000.00	12,182.43		43,001.62	1,336.05	1,832.39		3,168.44	46,170.06
Rec. facilities expend.funds	14,772.29	5,000.00	581.30		19,190.99	418.94	741.48		1,160.42	20,351.42
Benefit Pay Expend Funds	5,331.11	2,500.00	5,518.73		2,312.38	0.00	282.52		282.52	2,594.90
Hopkinton Library Bldg Expend. Funds	10,823.91	5,000.00	8,416.35		7,407.56	0.00	571.98		571.98	7,979.54
Human Services Expend Funds	21,324.44	5,000.00	0.00		26,324.44	0.00	1,022.76		1,022.76	27,347.21
Educating Ed Disabled Childrens Expend Fund	103,335.50	50,000.00	20,300.00		133,035.50	0.00	5,509.33		5,509.33	138,544.83
Total	197,067.66	101,000.00	63,483.03		234,584.63	1,919.26	10,627.87		12,547.13	247,131.76
Contoocook Precinct Funds	27,111.50				27,111.50	27,106.91	2,694.36	0.00	29,801.27	56,912.77

Total Hopkinton Income 10,627.87
Total Contoocook Income 2,694.36

Grand Total All Trusts 12/31/07 **1,425,945.17**

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT AM4018

Number of Shares	Description of Investment	Beginning Balance Jan. 01, 2007	Purchases	Bond Amort.	Proceeds From Sale	Adjust to Book Value	Gains or Losses	Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2007	Market Value YTD	Income Earned YTD
	Merrimack County Savings Bank Money Mkt.	$13,612.50						$160,602.49	$160,602.49	$5,226.89
	Cit Group Inc 4.300% 2/15/07	$25,000.00			$25,000.00			$0.00		$537.50
	Fed Home Loan Bk 5.875% 11/15/07	$19,939.40			$20,000.00		$60.60	$0.00		$1,175.00
25,000	Associates Corp NA 6.250% 11/1/08	$25,610.50						$25,610.50	$25,231.75	$1,562.50
50,000	AT&T Corp 6.00% 3/15/09	$47,420.00						$47,420.00	$50,706.00	$3,000.00
50,000	GTE Northwest 6.300% 6/1/10	$48,089.82						$48,089.82	$51,940.00	$3,150.00
10,000	CIT Group Inc 4.125% 6/15/08	$10,000.00						$10,000.00	$9,856.90	$412.50
50,000	General Electric Cap Corp 5.72% 8/22/11	$50,000.00						$50,000.00	$50,309.00	$2,621.69
25,000	John Hancock Life Ins. MTN tranche 9/15/08	$25,000.00						$25,000.00	$24,925.50	$1,012.48
	CVS Corp	$12,255.00			$24,395.25		$12,140.25	$0.00		$37.05
	Citigroup Inc Com	$18,608.96			$19,219.71		$610.75	$0.00		$1,404.00
	Citigroup Inc Com		$10,272.00		$7,687.88		($2,584.12)	$0.00		
900.00	Citigroup Inc Com		$30,384.00					$30,384.00	$26,496.00	
	NFJ Dividend Int Fund	$34,457.10			$37,373.65		$2,916.55	$0.00		$2,296.89
	NFJ Dividend Int Fund	$14,582.75			$15,289.90		$707.15	$0.00		
	NFJ Dividend Int Fund	$8,784.00			$9,331.85		$547.85	$0.00		
300.00	Enterprise Products	$14,814.00			$8,671.53		$1,264.53	$7,407.00	$9,564.00	$2,155.50
600.00	Enterprise Products	$15,150.00						$15,150.00	$19,128.00	
200.00	Enterprise Products	$4,944.00						$4,944.00	$6,376.00	
100.00	Enterprise Products		$2,897.85					$2,897.85	$3,188.00	
	Cohen &Steers Select Utility Fund	$11,216.44			$12,298.81		$1,082.37	$0.00		$451.98
	Cohen &Steers Select Utility Fund	$4,733.76			$5,019.92		$286.16	$0.00		
490.00	Penn VA Resources	$12,065.37						$12,065.37	$12,039.30	$1,523.40
200.00	Penn VA Resources	$5,101.20						$5,101.20	$4,914.00	
300.00	Penn VA Resources		$8,712.00					$8,712.00	$7,371.00	
	American Cap Strategies	$14,068.00			$17,670.29		$3,602.29	$0.00		$2,140.00
	American Cap Strategies	$13,612.68			$14,756.54		$1,143.86	$0.00		
	American Cap Strategies	$6,810.00			$7,378.27		$568.27	$0.00		
	Lowes Cos Inc	$14,127.00			$19,323.73		$5,196.73	$0.00		$30.00
470.00	Bank of America Corp	$20,094.85						$20,094.85	$19,392.20	$1,384.00
200.00	Bank of America Corp		$9,984.00					$9,984.00	$8,252.00	
	Suncor Energy	$11,620.50			$10,961.85		($658.65)	$0.00		$10.32
	Agree Realty Corp	$33,381.90			$33,605.57		$223.67	$0.00		$735.00
	Yahoo	5531.8			$5,812.00		$280.20	$0.00		$0.00
400.00	Exxon Mobil Corp	$17,885.00			$7,520.87		$3,943.87	$14,308.00	$37,476.00	$600.50
150.00	Exxon Mobil Corp		$13,208.58					$13,208.58	$14,053.50	
	Anthem (Wellpoint)	$5,696.50			$10,925.69		$5,229.19	$0.00		$0.00
	United Health Group	$10,423.98			$10,387.68		($36.30)	($0.00)		$0.00
	Nordic American Tanker	$17,123.90			$18,428.76		$1,304.86	$0.00		$2,768.00
	Nordic American Tanker	$8,243.32			$9,048.42		$805.10	$0.00		
	Nordic American Tanker		$1,831.50		$1,676.91		($154.59)	$0.00		
	Medtronic	$9,968.42			$10,066.37		$97.95	($0.00)		$22.00
400.00	Allied Capital Corp	$25,240.00			$14,162.06		($981.94)	$10,096.00	$8,600.00	$2,258.00
	Cohen & Steers REIT	$19,704.00			$22,067.72		$2,363.72	$0.00		$260.18
	Cohen & Steers REIT	$9,966.00			$11,033.86		$1,067.86	$0.00		
50.00	Kinder Morgan Energy	$12,189.13			$9,530.30		($221.00)	$2,437.83	$2,699.50	$2,288.25
100.00	Kinder Morgan Energy	$4,787.68						$4,787.68	$5,399.00	
350.00	Kinder Morgan Energy	$16,121.00						$16,121.00	$18,896.50	
175.00	Kinder Morgan Energy	$7,733.24						$7,733.24	$9,448.25	
	GMH Community Trust	$24,909.00			$19,771.29		($5,137.71)	$0.00		$990.00
	GMH Community Trust	$11,179.10			$9,885.65		($1,293.45)	$0.00		
2,300.00	Alpine Dynamics Div Trust	$30,590.00						$30,590.00	$27,807.00	$5,657.92
4,000.00	Alpine Dynamics Div Trust		$51,960.00					$51,960.00	$48,360.00	
	Alaska Communications	$11,408.00			$10,937.03		($470.97)	$0.00		$516.00

Town of Hopkinton
Trust Fund Report - 2007 MS-10 Summary

Number of Shares	Description of Investment	Beginning Balance Jan. 01,2007	Purchases	Bond Amort.	Proceeds From Sale	Adjust to Book Value	Gains or Losses	Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2007	Market Value Year End	Income Earned YTD
		$14,836.50						$14,836.50	$23,037.00	$210.00
350.00	Joy Global	$45,706.00			$43,075.33		($2,630.67)	$0.00		$2,156.25
	Rivus Bond Fund	$1,271.26			$1,755.14		$483.88	$0.00		$0.00
	Cemex	$9,900.00			$14,159.80		$4,259.80	$0.00		
	Cemex	$6,081.00			$7,079.90		$998.90	$0.00		
	Cemex	$497.31			$652.03		$154.72	$0.00		
	Citizens Communications	$26,921.60			$26,039.60		($882.00)	$0.00		$1,185.00
	Citizen's Communications		$11,159.20		$9,634.65		($1,524.55)	$0.00		
	Blackrock Enhanced Divid TR	$31,474.00			$35,260.19		$3,786.19	$0.00		$2,495.54
	Blackrock Enhanced Divid TR	$13,710.00			$13,309.79		($400.21)	$0.00		
	ING Global	$16,299.51			$18,814.28		$2,514.77	$0.00		$2,196.48
	ING Global	$19,821.18			$21,016.80		$1,195.62	$0.00		
500.0000	Dreyfuss Intermediate	$6,300.00					$60.37	$6,300.00	$6,225.00	$3,394.72
2,400.0000	Dreyfuss Intermediate	$29,544.00						$29,544.00	$29,880.00	
2,000.0000	Dreyfuss Intermediate	$24,520.00						$24,520.00	$24,900.00	
	American Income Fund		$16,460.00		$15,239.96		($1,220.04)	$0.00		$595.00
	Blackrock Income Opportunity Trust		$21,003.80		$19,646.89		($1,356.91)	$0.00		$1,677.50
	Blackrock Income Opportunity Trust		$10,549.40		$9,823.45		($725.95)	$0.00		
	Blackrock Income Opportunity Trust		$20,430.52		$18,664.55		($1,765.97)	$0.00		
	DWS RREEF Real Estate		$30,825.12		$30,143.18		($681.94)	($0.00)		$475.20
	Apollo Investments		$22,440.00		$20,582.19		($1,857.81)	$0.00		$1,530.00
	Apollo Investments		$12,058.41		$10,291.09		($1,767.32)	$0.00		
	Peabody Energy		$20,743.31		$20,605.82		($137.49)	$0.00		$31.80
	Advent/Claymore		$11,168.03		$8,810.04		($2,357.99)	$0.00		$762.50
140.0000	Altria		$12,042.80			($2,871.00)		$9,171.80	$10,581.20	$434.00
140.0000	Altria		$11,780.79			($2,808.54)		$8,972.25	$10,581.20	$0.00
150.0000	Altria		$10,237.50					$10,237.50	$11,337.00	
	Diana Shipping		$10,676.28		$15,456.30		$4,780.02	$0.00		$3,028.70
	Diana Shipping		$18,809.00		$25,760.50		$6,951.50	$0.00		
	Diana Shipping		$6,800.00		$10,304.20		$3,504.20	$0.00		
	Diana Shipping		$4,870.80		$6,955.34		$2,084.54	$0.00		
	S&P Covered Call Fund		$19,611.20		$21,705.27		$2,094.07	$0.00		$0.00
	Fording Canadian Coal		$18,237.60		$22,789.73		$4,552.13	$0.00		$458.59
	First Trust/FIDAC		$32,920.00		$31,170.72		($1,749.28)	$0.00		$1,258.00
	First Trust/FIDAC		$19,987.09		$18,702.43		($1,284.66)	$0.00		
300.00	BP PLC ADR		$19,110.00					$19,110.00	$21,951.00	$575.55
200.00	Kraft		$6,112.00					$6,112.00	$6,526.00	$366.88
97.00	Kraft		$3.70			$2,871.00		$2,874.70	$3,165.11	
97.00	Kraft		$3.70			$2,808.54		$2,812.24	$3,165.11	
300.00	Kraft		$9,801.00					$9,801.00	$9,789.00	
300.00	Kraft		$9,315.00					$9,315.00	$9,789.00	
1,000.00	Blackrock Real Asset Trust		$15,588.40					$15,588.40	$16,960.00	$815.40
	Consolidated Communications		$21,634.70		$17,849.72		($3,784.98)	$0.00		$387.38
	Consolidated Communications		$7,437.08		$7,139.89		($297.19)	$0.00		
	Deustche Bank 6.625% PFD		$30,000.00		$28,109.81		($1,890.19)	$0.00		
2,400.00	Dodge & Cox Income Fund		$29,784.00					$29,784.00	$30,024.00	$768.00
2,400.00	Dodge & Cox Income Fund		$30,288.00					$30,288.00	$30,024.00	
450.00	Consolidated Edison Inc		$20,353.50					$20,353.50	$21,982.50	$638.00
200.00	Consolidated Edison Inc		$9,228.00					$9,228.00	$9,770.00	
425.00	Lloyds TSB Group PLC ADR		$19,609.50					$19,609.50	$16,001.25	$387.37
230.00	Lloyds TSB Group PLC ADR		$9,494.38					$9,494.38	$8,659.50	
500.00	Lloyds TSB Group PLC ADR		$18,771.45					$18,771.45	$18,825.00	
825.00	Pfizer Inc		$19,544.25					$19,544.25	$18,752.25	$594.50
400.00	Pfizer Inc		$9,295.60					$9,295.60	$9,092.00	
1500.00	Hawaiian Electric Industries		$30,612.90					$30,612.90	$34,155.00	$465.00
1000.00	Alliance Resources Partners		$36,834.10					$36,834.10	$36,270.00	$560.00
	Avery Dennison Corp		$34,609.68		$30,178.33		($4,431.35)	$0.00		
800.00	Sanofi-Avenlis SA ADR		$35,038.16					$35,038.16	$36,424.00	
600.00	Braitburn Energy Partners		$22,057.00		$2,662.53		($488.47)	$18,906.00	$17,340.00	$309.75
2000.00	Louisiana - Pacific Corp		$30,240.00					$30,240.00	$27,360.00	
										$73,984.66
	Gross Dividends and Interest									$5,946.12
	Banking Assistance Fees									$70.34
	Foreign Withholding Taxes									
	TOTALS	$1,030,682.16	$946,826.88		$1,042,628.81	$0.00	$40,090.79	$1,121,900.64	$1,165,598.01	$67,968.20

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Michael Bessette Maple Street School

Steven Chamberlin Hopkinton Middle/High School

Christopher Kelley, *Assistant Principal* ... Hopkinton Middle/High School

SCHOOL BOARD

Joy Bloomfield, *Chairperson* Term Expires 2008

Kim M. Fuller, *Vice Chairperson* Term Expires 2009

Marshall Rowe Term Expires 2008

Lawrence J. Donahue Term Expires 2009

David Luneau Term Expires 2010

Max Lanocha, *Student Representative*

It has been a challenging year for the Hopkinton School District and the Hopkinton School Board. Facing the rising costs of public education and the unpredictable nature of State assistance, the Board has worked diligently to improve efficiencies within the District to reduce costs while continuing to provide excellent educational opportunities for the children of Hopkinton. With the ever-increasing forces of globalization, we in Hopkinton and the Board need to be mindful of the challenges facing our graduates. To be prepared to compete in today's economy, our graduates must demonstrate proficiency in many subject areas beyond the traditional scope of public education twenty years ago.

In December, U.S. News and World Report recognized Hopkinton High School as one of the top 500 public schools in the nation. Hopkinton was one of only three schools chosen in New Hampshire to receive this honor. It is gratifying to be recognized at a national level and congratulations must go to the efforts of all the educators in the District, the Leadership team, the Superintendent, students and the Community for their part in achieving this award.

The Board recognizes that the cost of education in Hopkinton has been growing at a rate higher than the average income of taxpayers in town. However, this problem is not unique to Hopkinton. According to data compiled by the State of New Hampshire, the growth in Hopkinton's cost per pupil has been lower than that of the average of all districts in New Hampshire. The same data shows Hopkinton's cost per pupil during the 2005-2006 school year (the latest information available) was approximately 4.2% higher than the district average, with approximately 1/3 of all districts spending more then we do. We feel this is a good indication of the District's commitment to financial responsibility. That fiscal responsibility combined with the quality of education and the success of our graduates indicates that the community's support for the schools has proven to be an excellent investment.

Our efforts to control growth in local property taxes have included, among other things, deferring some building maintenance items, and funding part of this year's capital improvement project (HMS doors/windows and air handling) with money from the Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund. However, we all need to be mindful that these deferred expenses will eventually come back into future budgets and that the trusts will need to be built back up to target levels in order to handle unscheduled maintenance costs as they arise.

At last year's School District Meeting, a measure to improve safe pedestrian access to Harold Martin School was cut from the warrant. Recognizing the importance of safe access to schools, community member Natalie Duval lead

a "Safe Routes to School" initiative, with the cooperation of school principals, the Board, the Selectmen, public works, and police. As a result, the District was awarded a grant in the amount of $30,749 under the NH-DOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The grant money will be used for construction of a sidewalk along the right side of the entrance to Harold Martin School, study ways to make it safer for students to walk to Maple Street School and Hopkinton Middle-High School, and implement bicycle-safety education programs. We would like to thank Natalie for leading the effort, Herm Blanchette, Hopkinton Police Lt. Steve Pecora, the Hopkinton Selectmen, and the members of the SRTS taskforce Larry Keniston, Lisa Hall, Dave Luneau, Brian Blake, Bill Carozza, Steve Chamberlin, and Michael Bessette. We would especially like to thank Chris and Heather Tessier for their generosity in providing land to be used for the Harold Martin sidewalk. This is another fine example of the community working together and we look forward to future funding opportunities under the Safe Routes to School program.

Volunteers play an integral part in our school district's success. The PTA continues to provide excellent programs for parents and funding for student activities. In October, Michael Alberici (Elementary music teacher) volunteered his time to orchestrate the visit of the President's own Marine Corps Band to Hopkinton High School. The Hopkinton community enjoyed a wonderful evening filled with music performed by some of the best musicians in the country.

Under the excellent leadership of Nancy Albrandi (Elementary school librarian), the Curriculum Committee continues to examine the District curriculum and make recommendations to the Leadership team of changes to current courses or for new courses and programs to enrich the education opportunities for Hopkinton students.

Beginning last fall, recordings of School Board meetings have been posted on the District website so the community may stay informed by listening online.

Acting on a suggestion from the School District treasurer, the Board created an educational foundation to enhance public education in our community. The purpose of the Hopkinton Education Foundation is to ". . . raise and manage funds to be used to establish an endowment. Income from this endowment will supplement, and not replace, funds normally appropriated for the support of public education."

Over the year, the Board accepted, with regret, retirement requests from several highly respected teachers and faculty. High School English teacher

Mike Timm retired from teaching at the end of January 2008. Teachers and faculty retiring at the end of the school year include Dr. Robert Forsten, School District psychologist, Ken Chorney, Middle School Special education teacher, Shelley Lochhead, high school/middle school librarian, and Beth Henderson, Harold Martin Physical Education teacher. The School Board thanks all these excellent staff members for their years of contributions to the Hopkinton School District.

The Board thanks the community for its financial support of and active involvement in Hopkinton Schools. We also thank Dr. Blake and the Leadership team for their flexibility, creativity, and humor in our partnership to provide educational opportunities for all Hopkinton students.

Respectfully submitted from the Hopkinton School Board,

Joy Bloomfield, *Chairman*
Kim Fuller, *Vice Chairman*
Larry Donahue
Marshall Rowe
David Luneau

It is a pleasure and an honor to present this annual report on the Hopkinton School District to the community. The Hopkinton School District continues to be a leader in the State with regard to the quality of education provided to our students. I am proud to be associated with a community that has historically supported strong schools.

In the previous report, the members of the Hopkinton School Board described some of the economic concerns facing the District and our efforts to find efficiencies within the system. Also included in their report is information regarding a significant grant received by the District to promote safe walking routes to school. The grant, funded by the Department of Transportation, will provide support for a sidewalk along the driveway to Harold Martin School from Main Street as well as educational programming for all three schools around bicycle safety. The Board included updates on volunteer efforts, committee work and retirements from the School District.

One of the this year's highlights for the District was that in December the Hopkinton Middle High School was chosen by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 500 high schools in the country, based on a variety of factors including AP test scores, graduation rates, and college acceptance rates. The community has many reasons to be proud of our school system.

In addition to the U.S. News recognition, our students also found success in the academic, arts and sports arenas. The dedication to academic excellence, the arts and athletic competition in our schools continues to produce high caliber scholars, artists, and athletes. The reports by the school principals, which follow, highlight the accomplishments of our students in each area. The Principal Reports also include information on changes in staffing, highlights of school events, and updates on committee work. I encourage readers to review the Principal Reports to gain a better understanding about what is happening in your schools.

As indicated in the School Board Report, we have several teachers and school board retiring this year. Mike Timm retired from teaching in January of this year, while Dr. Robert Forsten, Mr. Ken Chorney, Ms. Shelley Lockhead, and Ms. Beth Henderson will be retiring at the end of the school year. I want to personally thank them for their years of service to the system and wish them much success in their future endeavors. I would also like to recognize Ms. Joy Bloomfield and Mr. Marshall Rowe, who will be leaving the school board in March. A sincere "thank you" to both of these fine citizens who gave of their time over the years in the service of the school board. Their institutional history,

collective wisdom and areas of expertise will be missed.

The Hopkinton School District is nearing a crossroad in our journey to continue providing an excellent education to our students. It is becoming increasingly difficult to support the school system relying on local taxpayers. The School Board and Administrative Leadership Team have taken on the challenge to review the entire education system in an effort to find efficiencies and cost savings. We have renewed our efforts to find additional funding sources as evidenced by the Safe Walk to School Grant and a grant for an energy audit of each school building provided by the Jordan Institute. The Hopkinton Public School Foundation has received approval from the State and is in its infancy. Fundraising efforts will begin in the coming months. We are keenly aware of the current economic conditions at both the State and local level and will continue to find innovative ways to support the education of our youth.

In the coming year, we will continue our work to provide the excellent educational opportunities the town has come to expect while finding efficiencies and ways to improve our system. We will continue to improve our facilities by utilizing the Maintenance Trust Fund to support health and safety initiatives. Finally, we will work to implement a standard system for curriculum review and materials replacement which will help with long range budgetary planning.

I want to thank the Hopkinton School Board for their continued hard work in supporting the school system while being mindful of the taxpayers by whom they were elected. I also want to thank the Administrative Leadership Team for their unwavering quest for excellence and the entire staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to the community for your continued support of our fine educational system.

For the kids;

Brian J. Blake, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
SAU #66

"What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children.. any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely; acted upon, it destroys our democracy..."

John Dewey, 1900

It is an honor for the Hopkinton School District Principals to contribute to the Hopkinton 2007 Annual Town Report. The information provided will serve as a piece of the historical record for an extraordinary school system.

HOPKINTON MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

The largest class in the history of the Hopkinton School District (104), the Class of 2007, graduated in June. These remarkable students left a tradition of high achievement both academically and athletically: they will be missed. Their generous class gift of an Automatic External Defibrillator and the establishment of AED Support Fund will keep their legacy alive.

The middle and high school said goodbye to retiring Social Studies Teacher Andre Dusseault after 29 years of service, and English Teacher Michael Timm en route for the financial industry after 13 years of service.

In September, the middle and high school welcomed six new staff members: Katherine Sintros (Social Studies Teacher), Amy Beth Gelineau (Theatre Arts Teacher/Instructional Assistant), Kelly Conley (Reading Specialist), Dan Haggerty (Instructional Assistant), Jessica Ford (Instructional Assistant), and Danielle Howse (Instructional Assistant).

The high school received recognition by *US News and World Report* as a silver medal award winner (one of three high schools in New Hampshire). The award is based on expansive curriculum and high performing students. The high school also made *Newsweek's* list of top 1300 high schools (based on the number of students participating in the Advanced Placement program).

The middle and high schools' Special Report was submitted and accepted by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Though progress has been made in many areas, NEASC is still concerned about adequate instructional space.

As customary, the school's progress in accomplishing its mission are stated below:

We foster a learning environment that is safe, supportive and respectful.

The district's Safety and Security Committee continued to meet. Four security cameras were installed over the back parking lot. District and key building staff received training from the Federal Emergency Management Association's Incident Command System.

Town residents, Khristin Carroll and John Carroll, provided two Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) and a trainer, in the memory of their son, Timothy Carroll, a Hopkinton High School graduate who died tragically of heart failure. The AEDs will accompany athletic teams on trips and off campus practices. The trainer will be used in all health classes as well as in the training of faculty.

In March, the middle school celebrated Wellness Day. Dr. Susan Lynch highlighted the day as students learned about nutrition, the benefits of chocolate, portion control, and the importance of a positive self-image. Middle school Guidance Counselor Corrine Lajoie organized the meaningful day.

The middle and high school continued to utilize the state sponsored My Voice survey to gain insight regarding student views about school and areas of improvement. An August ice cream social for students new to the district was created in response to My Voice survey responses. Bullying and harassment will continue to be a focus area for staff training and student understanding.

We promote personal integrity, intellectual curiosity, and civic responsibility.

Service is an important part of our students' experience, both locally and globally. Construction projects in Honduras, collecting coats for refugees, organizing food drives for local food banks, participating in the Senior to Senior program, and providing holiday gifts for families in need, are just a few of the student service projects conducted during the year.

A new civics course (a state requirement) was implemented in the fall. Students attended local government meetings, Supreme Court sessions, and lead the school in its efforts to learn about the presidential candidates. A mock primary and a voter registration drive were two other activities sponsored by the civics class.

We provide traditional and innovative opportunities for students to maximize their potential.

A pilot middle school Plus Time program began in the fall. Students attended additional mathematics, reading, English, science, and social studies classes on a rotating basis.

Two technology innovations were implemented in the library this year. Through the support of the Jessie Gould fund, IPOD Shuffles were purchased.

Students can sign out the IPODs with audio books preloaded. The shuffles are very popular on long athletic trips. Ms. Lochhead purchased Flip Video Cameras to help support digital movie making. Students and staff have enjoyed the inexpensive, convenient cameras.

Students found extraordinary success both in the academic and athletic arenas. Students were recognized for achievement in the Geography Bee, Poetry Out Loud, Voice of Democracy, FIRST Robotics, Patriots Pen, Rotary Four-Way Speech, the Forensic Tournament, Wendy's High School Heisman contest, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Rotary Calendar contest, NH Allstate Art Festival, among other competitions. In athletics, almost two thirds of the students participated in athletics. In the winter of 2007, the male and female Nordic teams and the ski jumping team won state championships and the girls basketball team advanced to the state semi-finals. In the spring, the girls track team won the state championship and the boys lacrosse team advanced to the state semi-finals. In the fall, the girls cross country team won the state championship, the field hockey team advanced to the semi-finals, the boys cross country team finished second, and the boys soccer team won their second consecutive state championship. Most importantly, Hopkinton High School was recognized as co runner-up for the class M Sportsmanship Award.

Providing parents/guardians an opportunity to get to know the school administration has been an area of interest. The Parent Advisory Committee, PTA, and the Very Important Parent Program have provided opportunities to discuss ways to improve Hopkinton Middle and High Schools.

The arts continue to be a strong part of the middle and high school academic program. The District-wide Celebration of the Arts in the spring, the after school drama troupes' production of One Act Plays and Alice in Wonderland, open studio at the high school, and the middle school Art Club had high participation rates. One of the highlights of the year was "The President's Own" United States Marine Band visit to Hopkinton High School. The incredible concert fulfilled Mr. Alberici's dream of bringing one of the finest bands in the world to Hopkinton.

Hopkinton High School continues to stress international awareness. Exchange students from Germany, India, Italy, Japan, and South Korea shared their customs and traditions with our students. The school conducted two world language exchange programs hosting students from Lindau Germany and St-Etienne France.

The middle and high school has continued its efforts to become "greener."

Increased recycling, growing plants in both raised beds and the greenhouse, curriculum connections in the middle school, and supporting the Greener Hopkinton Committee are just some ways the middle and high schools are becoming "greener."

Carl Olson was honored to receive the Susan Graham Pisinski Award. What a wonderful way to keep the legacy of extraordinary education in our hearts.

In closing, the wonderful educational opportunities described cannot be provided for students and teachers without the incredible support received from the community. The Booster Club, Friends of Performing Arts, Hop into the Arts, Parent Advisory Committee, Parent Teachers Association, Hopkinton Rotary Club, Hopkinton Women's Club, Greener Hopkinton, and the residents of Hopkinton give incredible support to the schools. It is a privilege to work in this supportive community for such amazing students and with outstanding faculty.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Chamberlin
Principal, Hopkinton Middle and High Schools

HOPKINTON'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Maple Street School and Harold Martin School

After completing the 2006-2007 school year, Maple Street School said goodbye to two educators, Deb Pike and Deb Travis. Deb Pike retired after many years of service to the school, and Deb Travis moved to Texas, taking a teaching position in a new district. As a result of their departure, Lori Aubertin and Becky Perkins moved from Harold Martin School and took over as Maple Street's newest teachers for the 2007–2008 school year. Additionally, Maple Street welcomed Karen May to assist students with reading.

With several sabbaticals and long-term absences in the District in 2006-2007, several Maple Street teachers took on new roles and responsibilities. Barb Jenkins took on Music Instruction and Mike Alberici the High School Music program. Each enjoyed their experiences and were able to learn much from their new opportunities.

The Maple Street and Harold Martin schools were excited to participate in many professional development activities in 2007. While continuing to support Guided Reading, Write Traits, and Differentiated Instruction, focused attention was brought to writing instruction. Committee work in this area has begun to help redefine the instruction of writing in Hopkinton with a greater sense of continuity and collaboration than in years past.

Expanding Horizons and *Reaching for the Stars* continued to be the centerpiece of enrichment in the Hopkinton elementary schools. At Maple Street, students again took to the courtroom for the Mock Trial competition, while healthy exercise, art, and science opportunities were also to be found. The Harold Martin program included twelve courses, over 40 volunteers and more than half of the school population participating.

Maple Street School was also proud to be a recipient of the "Blue Ribbon" award for volunteerism in 2007. Michelle Benson and Julie Morris, MSS's volunteer coordinators, assisted the school by recording nearly 2000 hours of community volunteerism occurring over the 2006-2007 school year. Maple Street School was also awarded a "Golden Lamp" award for its community business partnership with the Capitol Center for the Arts which helped to create the Opening Doors program for children.

The elementary schools' artist-in-residence this past year was Alice Ogden, a well-known New Hampshire weaver who worked with our students to design and create student made weaving projects. Students made dream catchers and woven baskets under her instruction. For the 2007–2008 school year, Hopkinton will invite a wonderful ceramic artist to work with our children.

As noted above, Maple Street continued its partnership with Concord Capitol Center for the Arts, with their efforts sending the children to six theatrical and musical events at the Capitol Center and enabling the children to meet and work with the performers in individualized sessions after each performance.

Additionally, the Boy's and Girl's club after-school program for students continued to be a valued asset to the school children. The program, under the direction of Carol Morse, continues to be a tremendous benefit to kids by providing them with a safe and secure environment in the evening hours after school. Students are engaged in homework help, and a variety games and activities over the course of each day.

At Harold Martin School, we bid farewell to Preschool Teacher Kelli Bruns and Instructional Assistants Leigh Maynard and Pam Duffy. We also welcomed

new kindergarten teacher April Kent, Preschool Director Barbara Houldsworth, custodian Carl Wood, and Instructional Assistants Meaghan Ezen, Karen LaPage Jackie Mellen, and Kim Masinick. Both Maple Street and Harold Martin welcomed Carol Clark as our new Permanent Substitute Teacher.

The Harold Martin facility underwent considerable change this summer in preparation for the 2007-2008 school year. All of the original windows in the 1958 wing of the school were replaced which will add energy efficiency to the building. In addition, a new ventilation system as well as new tile and carpeting in certain high traffic areas were installed, and the parking lot entrance façade was replaced. The school district also secured a grant to build a new walkway at Harold Martin which will make walking and bike riding into our parking lot much safer.

Thanks to sustained funding of our playground we were able to add a sandbox as well as seven beautiful hexagonal picnic tables designed for an outdoor classroom. The tables were built by Girl Scout Troop 2362 of Hopkinton as its annual service project and the materials paid for out of our playground fund. The HMS staff organized a Spaghetti dinner, which was a rousing success and raised money for the playground fund.

Technology continued to be a focus as teachers developed digital student portfolios for nearly each child at HMS, partly to satisfy a state requirement, but primarily to increase our knowledge of each student's progress and potential. Teachers gained important technology skills in the process.

We continued to look for new ways to communicate with our parents, and in addition to utilizing our email list, online surveys, and web site, we began holding monthly morning coffees with the Principal sponsored by PTA. Our Volunteer Program, coordinated by Marcia Clark, won the state Blue Ribbon Award once again, as our school logged over 3000 volunteer hours.

We are proud of our Harold Martin School's After School Program, "'Tween School and Home" which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. While the program is non-profit and not officially affiliated with HMS, we have worked closely their staff for many years and we consider them an important arm of our school. Recently, "Tween School and Home" has increased enrichment offerings to include computers, special presentations from guests, and music lessons.

In 2008, we look forward to celebrating Harold Martin School's 50th anniversary. The committee to plan the celebration is being formed at press time.

Many district committees helped move our district forward this year as well. The *Assessment Committee* continues to focus on our digital portfolio and MAP testing initiative while partnering with the *Technology Committee* in developing a comprehensive approach to the collection and use of data to help serve the needs of our students. *Curriculum Council* oversees new curricular initiatives and monitors ongoing courses and programs. *SPEDMIP* (Special Education Monitoring and Improvement Process) meets regularly to guide our approach district wide in meeting the needs of our special education students.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bessette
Principal, Maple Street School

William Carozza
Principal, Harold Martin School

As in the past, this school year was both challenging and rewarding for the nurses in Hopkinton's schools. We continued providing appropriate first aid and illness care. At the same time, we provided daily specialized nursing services to the numerous individuals among our school populations who have special medical needs. We worked closely with the schools' guidance departments to assist those in need of counseling. In addition, we performed District-wide immunization surveillance and health screenings as mandated by the State of New Hampshire. We have consistently earned perfect scores on immunization compliance rates during State Immunization Program auditing.

Record keeping is an important part of our practice. We were pleased to be a part of the process this year in selecting the District's new student information system. The one chosen will incorporate health and nursing records into the web-based system. This will allow us to more efficiently track student health data, as well stay in line with the health care industry's push for electronic medical records. We look forward to being fully operational with computerized nursing records in the 2007-2008 school year.

Also in the next school year, it is our goal to make our schools more "heart friendly". That is, we three nurses plan to become certified as CPR and AED (automated external defibrillators) instructors and then offer classes in these to our staff. This will make our schools better prepared in the event of an emergency and meet new State regulations that require CPR certified staff be present on all field trips and school events. Next year we plan to report a large number of District staff as certified in CPR.

Your schools' health offices are always open during school hours to answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Conley, RN
Harold Martin School Nurse

Kathy Schaefer, RN
Hopkinton Middle High School Nurse

Jan Levesque, RN, NCSN
Maple Street School Nurse, Health Coordinator

	Harold Martin	Maple Street	Middle/ High School
Pupil Enrollment	284	254	539
Vision tests/ referrals	274 /3	266 /4	278 /13
Hearing tests/ referrals	297 /0	262 /1	6 /1
Scoliosis checks/ referrals		161 /5	166 /19
Medication Administration	1,687	1,450	2,700
Transport to Doctor Office	1	0	0
Transported to Dentist Office	1	0	0
Sent to Hospital via ambulance	2	0	0
Referral for Drug/Alcohol			8
Visits to nurse's office (first aid, illness, education, counseling, etc.)	3,755	4, 575	7,200
Staff Flu Shots	27	31	40
Total Visits	**6,454**	**6,275**	**10,487**

The auditors did not finalize the Audit report for 2006-2007 at the time of print. In the very near future, the complete document will be available on the Districts website http://www.hopkintonschools.org under news and info. We apologize for the delay.

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HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
Of the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

INTRODUCTION

The Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator of New Hampshire School Administrative Unit (SAU) #66, as management of the Hopkinton School District (the District), offer readers of the District's annual financial statements this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2007. This discussion and analysis is prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASBS-34) with which the District complied beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the annual audit.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total District net assets were $7,409,716 at June 30, 2007. This was an increase of $214,055 (2.98%) over the prior year.
- The District's total net assets of $7,409,716 on June 30, 2007, consisted of $7,061,311 in capital assets net of debt, and an unrestricted net asset balance of $348,405.
- The District's long-term obligations of $4,719,751 consisted of $4,594,400 in general obligation bonds, $32,863 in a capital lease and $82,488 in compensated absences. Under GASB-34 these liabilities are reflected as a reduction in net assets.
- The District established procedures for submitting claims for reimbursement for services to students eligible through the Medicaid for Schools Program. In 2006-07, the District received $65,574 which is $10,983 higher than what was received in 2005-06. The District expects to receive approximately $51,000 for the next few years.
- During the year, the District's expenses of $14,106,137 for all governmental expenditures were $214,055 less than the total revenues of $14,320,192. Revenues consist of: charges for services; operating grants and contributions; and general revenues (which can include local and state property tax assessments and grants or contributions not restricted to specific programs).
- The School District refinanced the 1997 Bond to yield a savings of $141,069.24 over the next eleven (11) years.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts – management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the District. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives:

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business, and to provide both long-term and short-term information.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. This statement of net assets includes debt, contractual obligations and compensable absences as elements of the assets and liabilities of the District.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and

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expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows only in future fiscal periods. Growth in net assets over time can generally be expected to reflect improving financial condition, while shrinkage would indicate declining financial condition. Other indicators of financial health might be changes in District revenues, facility condition, growth/decline in student population, and adequacy of District budgets.

The Government-wide Financial Statements show functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues as "Governmental Activities". These functions are accounted for in the General Fund, Special Revenue (Federal) Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund. Intergovernmental revenues include local, state and federal monies. The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues also support fixed assets and related debt.

The Government-wide Statements also outline non-major Governmental activities, which in this case is Food Service Fund.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds- not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular programs. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. The Board of Trustees establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that the District is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain revenues. The District has two kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps one to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the governmental-wide statements, additional information is provided at the bottom of the government funds statements explaining the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary funds – the District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others; the student activities funds and the private-purpose trust funds are agency funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets and a statement of changes in fiduciary net assets. These activities are excluded from the district-wide financial statements because the District cannot use the assets to finance its operations.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

NET ASSETS

Net Assets for the period ending June 30, 2007. The current year's financial statements are higher than last years. The District's combined net assets were $7,409,716 at June 30, 2007 compared to $7,195,661 at June 30, 2006.

	2006	2007
Current Assets	878,517	1,231,207
Noncurrent Assets	12,036,631	11,694,060
Total Assets	**12,915,148**	**12,925,267**
Current Liabilities	642,463	805,800
Noncurrent Liabilities	5,077,024	4,709,751
Total Liabilities	**5,719,487**	**5,515,551**
Investment in capital assets (net of debt)	6,600,375	7,061,311
Unrestricted net assets	595,286	348,405
Total Net Assets	**7,195,661**	**7,409,716**

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Changes in Net Assets. The District's total revenues were $14,320,192 and total expenses $14,106,137, resulting in an increase of net assets of $214,055. The largest part, 96.14%, of the District's revenues came from the local tax assessment and the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire's sources include the locally raised state property tax, federal aid received through the state, and various state aid programs.

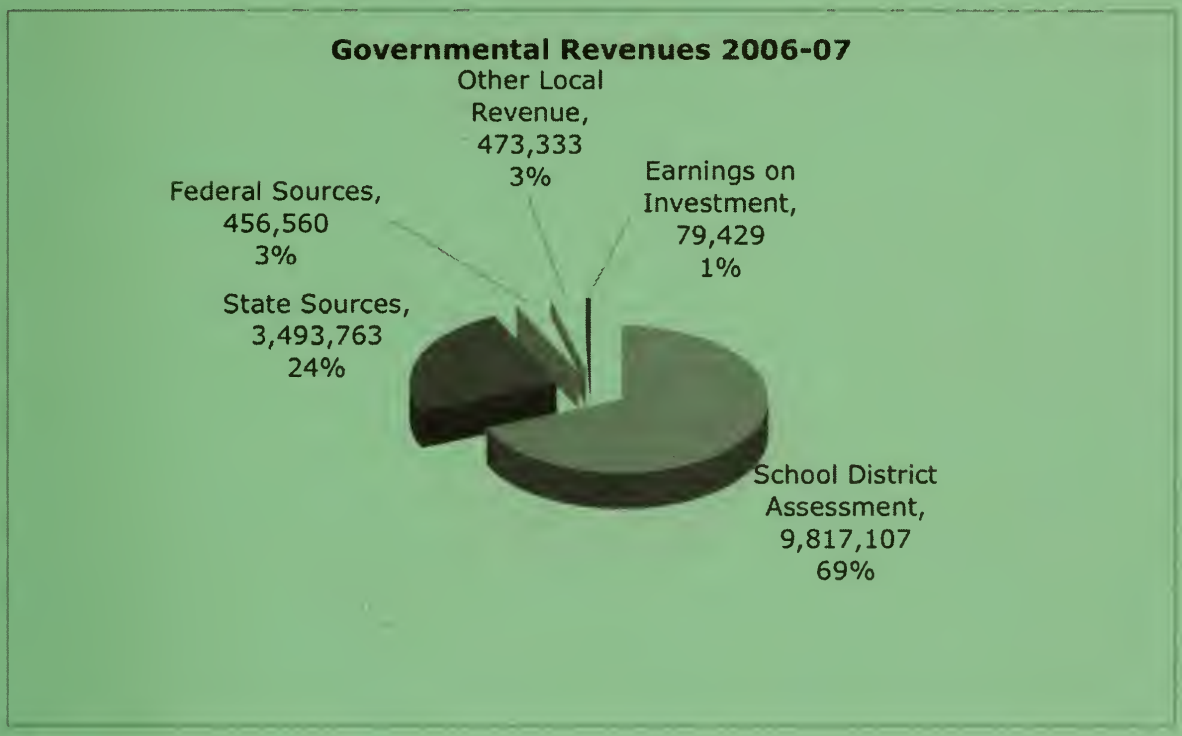
The District's expenditures were largely for instruction and support services (91.85%) while depreciation accounts for 2.54% of total expenses.

	2006		2007	
Program Revenues				
Charges for services	$307,277	2.33%	$339,894	2.38%
Operating grants & contributions	545,991	4.02%	651,329	4.55%
Capital Grants and Contributions	131,181	1.01%	135,913	.95%
General Revenues				
School District assessment	8,835,982	67.10%	9,817,107	68.55%
Local sources	39,840	.30%	78,237	.55%
State of NH sources	3,204,593	24.32%	3,195,140	22.31%
Federal sources	54,591	.41%	23,143	.16%
Earnings on investments	67,439	.51%	79,429	.55%
Total Revenues	**$13,191,608**	**100%**	**$14,320,192**	**100%**
Functions / Programs				
Instruction	8,001,971	60.62%	8,575,771	60.80%
Support Services	4,139,085	31.50%	4,380,292	31.05%
Food service program	378,316	2.75%	379,808	2.69%
FA&C	15,995	.11%	53,356	.38%
Unallocated Expenses				
Interest	260,156	1.99%	357,880	2.54%
Depreciation	405,333	3.03%	359,030	2.54%
Total Expenses	**$13,200,856**	**100%**	**$14,106,137**	**100%**
Revenue in Excess (Less) of Expense	**($9,248)**		**$214,055**	

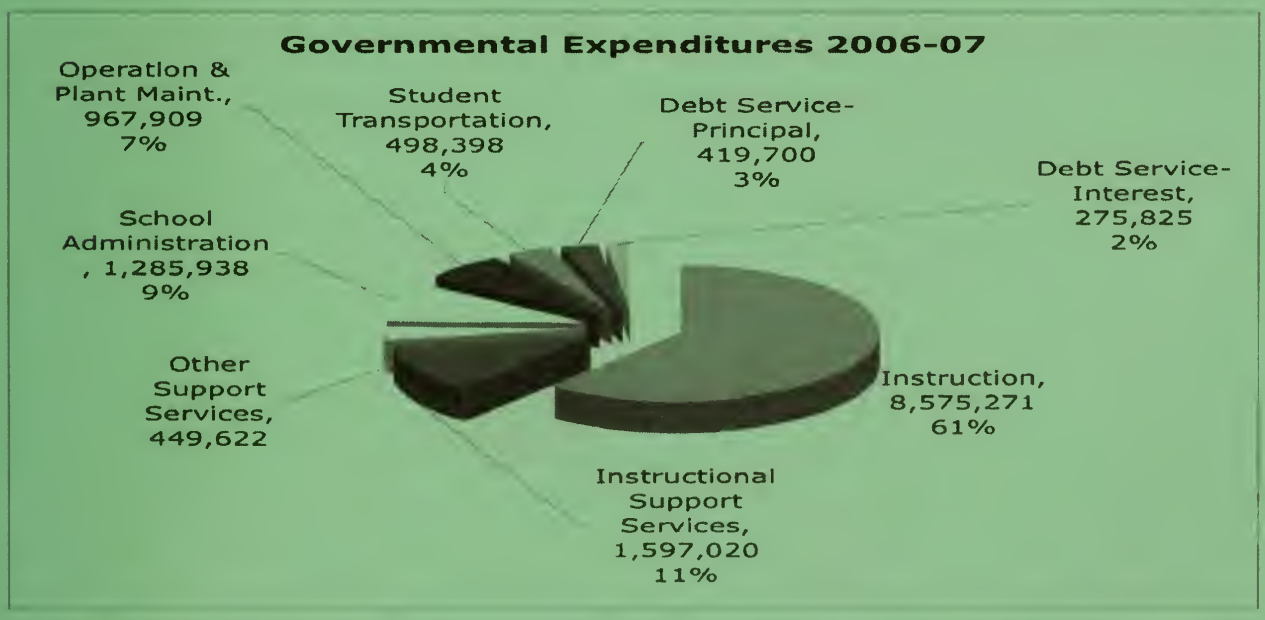
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SUMMARY

Summary of Revenues. The biggest share, $13,767,430 (96%), of revenue was derived from local appropriations and intergovernmental sources. The state property tax is included as part of intergovernmental revenue even though it is raised locally. This revenue statement includes revenues from local, state and federal sources.



Summary of Net Expenditures. The Hopkinton School District used its budgetary resources as depicted below. 72% of all expenses were for instruction and instructional support. This expense statement includes expenditures paid from local, state and federal appropriations.

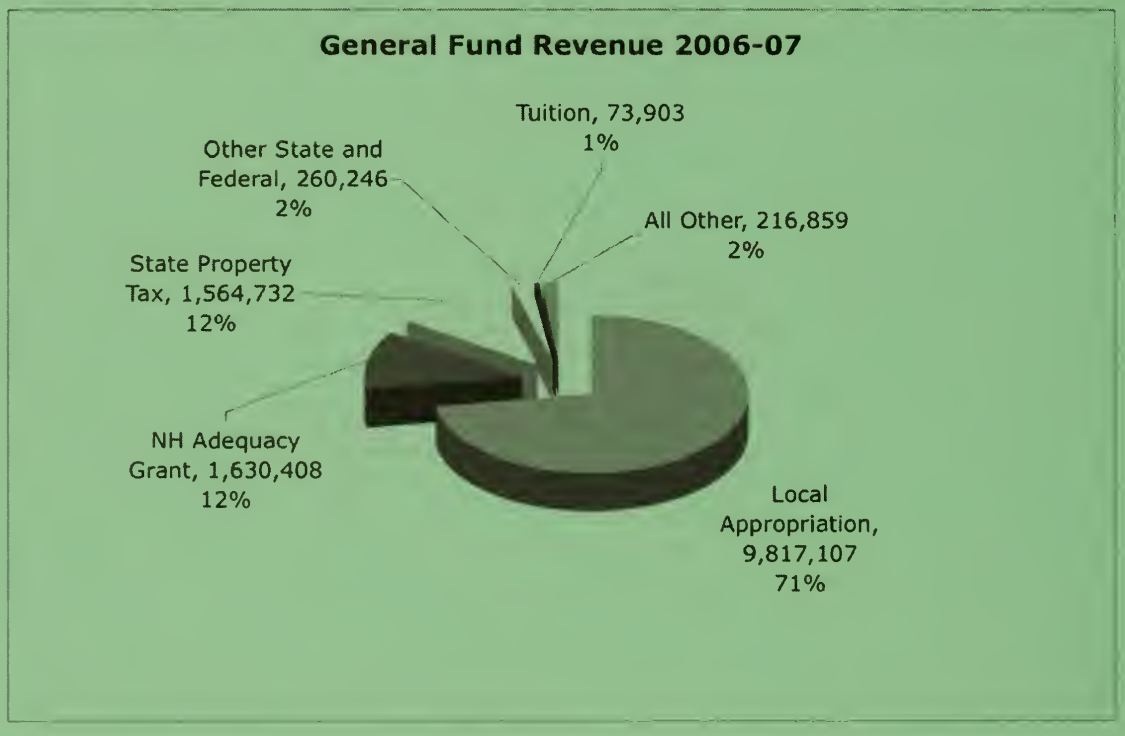


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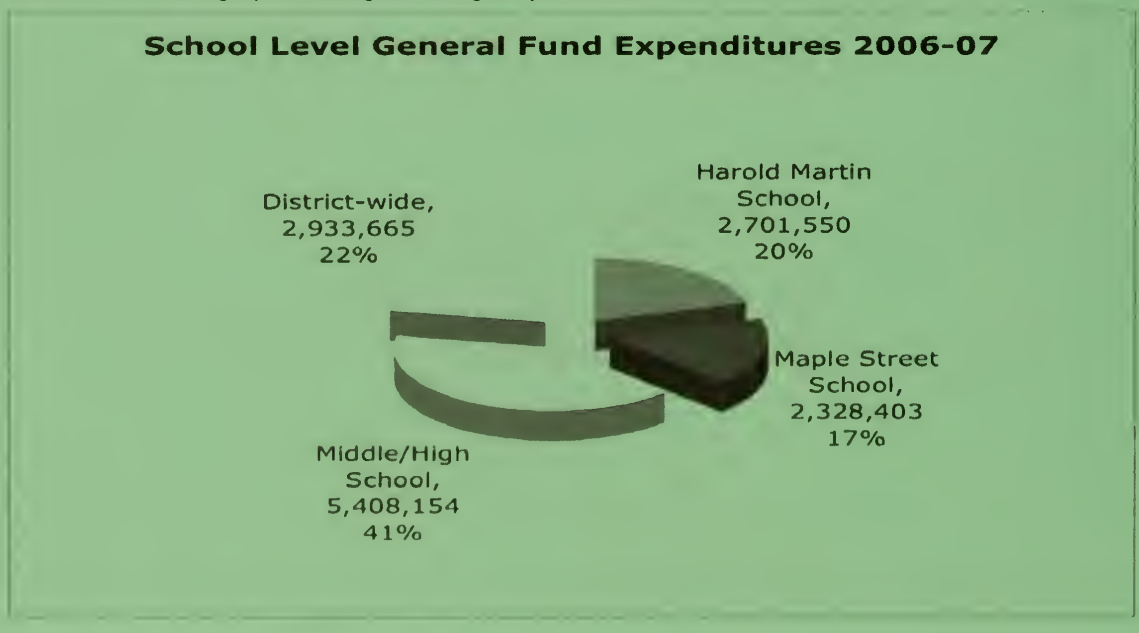
INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS

General Fund

The General Fund is what most people think of as "the budget" since it is the focal point of the Annual District Meeting and largely supported by locally raised taxes. The local appropriation and the state property tax are raised locally and make up 83% of general fund revenues. Together, the revenues raised locally and the state adequacy grant comprises over 95% of the District's General Fund Budgetary Revenues. This graph is using the budgetary basis and is not in accordance with GAAP.



School level expenditures constitute 79% of the total general fund (net of refunds) expenditures of $13,371,772. This graph is using the budgetary basis and is not in accordance with GAAP.



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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District reviews its annual budget and will sometimes make minor adjustments to reflect unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures. These adjustments over the past year did not change the bottom line but rather accommodated unanticipated needs such as increased/decreased enrollment, increased/decreased material costs and unanticipated repairs within functions and objects. A procedure is in place that when such budget adjustments are necessary, there must be at least a three-tiered approval process. The process includes District Administrators, Business Administrator signature, and in the event that the adjustment exceeds $5,000, Superintendent and Board approval is also necessary.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The strong financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of $1,025,688, an increase from last year's ending fund balance of $775,199. The District's sound fiscal management policies and procedures have historically resulted in a positive general fund balance to ultimately offset taxes. Other factors contributing to this positive fund balance include items which must be budgeted for but may or not be expended. The approximate breakdowns of the 2006-2007 general fund savings are as follows:

Personnel	$247,515
Early retirement, course reimbursements & professional development activities (contractual agreements)	116,288
Revenue received above anticipated	141,612
Operations and maintenance of plant (repairs, heat, electricity and supplies)	59,538
Contingency	50,000
Special Education	15,431
Various accounts other than noted above	6,830
Transfer to Educating Educationally Disabled Children Trust Fund from Surplus	-50,000
General Fund Balance Returned to Town	**$ 587,214**

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

On June 30, 2007, the District reported capital assets of $11,694,060, which consist of a broad range of capital assets, including land & improvements, buildings & improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure and work in progress. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	Governmental Activities 2007	2006	Total % Change 2007 over 2006
Land & Improvements	$ 547,770	$ 547,770	0.00%
Buildings & Improvements	16,432,734	16,432,734	0.00%
Machinery & Equipment	490,428	473,970	3.47%
Infrastructure	48,300	48,300	0.00%
Work In Progress	0	0	0.00%
Totals at Historical Cost	**17,519,232**	**17,502,774**	**0.94%**
Total Accumulated Depreciation	-5,825,173	-5,466,143	6.57%
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	$ 11,694,059	$ 12,036,631	-2.85%

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Long-Term Debt

On August 1, 1997, the District issued a series of general obligation bonds totaling in the aggregate $6,992,000. The District added a $548,500 bond during the 2003-04 fiscal year for repairs to the roofs at the Hopkinton Middle/High School, Harold Martin School and Maple Street School. The District also added, in 2004-05 fiscal year, the purchase of a twenty-two-passenger school bus thru a capital lease. The 1997 bond was refinanced in May 2007. The following table illustrates the changes and balances for all long-term debt. More detailed information on the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	Governmental Activities		Total % Change
	2007	2006	2007 over 2006
General Obligation Bonds	$ 5,074,100	$ 5,403,800	-6..10%
Compensated Absences	91,653	67,660	35.46%
Capital Leases Payable	38,349	32,456	18.16%
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	$ 5,204,102	$ 5,503,916	-5.45%

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT

During fiscal year 2007, Hopkinton School District applied for and received the following Federal grants:

Title I, Early Reading Success, was awarded for the period 8/11/06, to 6/30/07, in the amount of $53,811.82. This grant funded reading improvement programs in the District's elementary schools and impacted students whose reading proficiency was significantly below grade level.

Title IIA, Class Size Reduction, was awarded for the period 9/15/06, to 6/30/08, in the amount of $47,965.11. This grant funded professional development programs and the personnel costs of additional teachers thereby reducing the class sizes in the District's schools.

Title IV, Safe & Drug Free Schools, was awarded for the period 9/25/06, to 6/30/07, in the amount of $5,625.18. This grant's objective was to offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning, by preventing violence in and around schools and strengthen programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. In meeting this objective we involve parents, and coordinate with related Federal, State, and community efforts and resources.

Title V, Innovative Programs, was awarded for the period 5/30/07 to 8/31/07, in the amount of $1,546.45. This grant funded new enrichment programs.

Special Education, IDEA, was awarded for the period 8/24/06, to 7/31/07, in the amount of $223,335. This grant funded special needs services for students throughout the District.

Special Education, Pre-School, was awarded for the period 8/24/06, to 6/30/07, in the amount of $9,197. This grant funded special needs services for pre-school students within the District.

Special Education, Cider Grant, was awarded for the period 7/1/06 to 6/30/07, in the amount of $1,541.95. This grant funded resources for use with oral motor difficulties in preschool children.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several circumstances that could affect its future financial health:

- Health Insurance rates decreased by 2.2%. During the 2007-08 budget process, our carrier gave us an estimate for an increase of 8.7%. Since the rates decreased, we are optimistic that the budget impact for the 2008-09 budget will be the same as we budgeted in the prior year.

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- The 1997 bond was refinanced that will result in a savings of $141,069.24. The savings for the 2007-08 school year will be $69,224.
- At the March 2007 School District meeting, the residents voted to replace the single pane windows and add a heating and ventilation system at Harold Martin School. We are optimistic that this change will save the District fuel costs in the upcoming year.
- The uncertainty of state funding can have a profound impact on the financial health of the District. As most are aware, we entered District meeting this year without firm numbers for anticipated state revenue. Until the state can determine the best method for funding education, this uncertainty is expected to continue.

FUTURE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In New Hampshire, the public school fiscal year is July 1-June 30; other programs, i.e., some federal budgets, operate on a different fiscal calendar but are reflected in the District overall budget as they impact on the District.

Significant Board action that impacts finances in the future includes:

1. The Facility Planning Committee and subcommittees have reviewed the needs of the District. The subcommittees reported to the Facility Planning Committee what their recommendations were. In August 2006, the subcommittee chairman and Facility Planning Committee, along with Administration of the District met and prioritized all of the recommendations. A final report was given to the School Board with the recommendations. To obtain more information, please go to our webpage at – www.hopkintonschools.org.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, participants, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact Dr. Brian J. Blake, Superintendent, or Michelle R. Clark, Business Administrator, at (603) 746-5186 or by mail at:

Hopkinton School District
ATTN: Michelle R. Clark
204 Maple Street
Contoocook, NH 03229

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EXHIBIT C - 1
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
30-Jun-07

	General	Grants	Capital Reserves	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$660,746	$	$379,774	$	$1,040,520
Receivables:					
Accounts	4,355			7	4,362
Intergovernmental	30,985	89,741		3,916	124,642
Other	17,076			288	17,364
Interfund receivable	84,464			10,519	94,983
Prepaid Expense	54,885				54,885
Total Assets	$852,511	$89,741	$379,774	$14,730	$1,336,756
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$58,420	$4,497	$	$3,587	$66,504
Accrued salaries and benefits	135,552	3,687		520	139,759
Interfund payable		81,557	13,346	80	94,983
Deferred revenue				10,322	10,322
Total Liabilities	$193,972	$89,741	$13,346	$14,509	$311,568
Fund balances:					
Reserve for encumbrances	21,325			221	21,546
Reserved for special purposes	50,000		366,428	-	416,428
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in general fund	587,214				587,214
Total Fund Balances	658,539	-	366,428	221	1,025,188
Total liabilities and fund balances	$852,511	$89,741	$379,774	$14,730	$1,336,756

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EXHIBIT C - 2
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to the Statement of Net Assets
30-Jun-07

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C - 1)		$1,025,188
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and threfore are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	$17,519,232	
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,825,173)	
		11,694,059
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net assets.		
Receivables	$94,903	
Payables	(94,903)	
		-
Payments on long-term debt not due in current year as shown as prepaid items in the governmental funds, but reduce liabilities in the government-wide statements.		(10,565)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		(94,864)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds	$5,074,100	
Capital lease	38,349	
Compensated absences	91,653	
		(5,204,102)
Net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		$7,409,716

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EXHIBIT C - 3
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General	Grants	Capital Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
School district assessment	$9,817,107	$	$	$	$9,817,107
Other local	219,662		16,434	266,936	503,032
State	3,489,081			4,682	3,493,763
Federal	88,717	310,511		57,332	456,560
Total Revenues	$13,614,567	$310,511	$16,434	$328,950	$14,270,462
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction	8,296,931	262,594		16,246	8,575,771
Support services:					
Student	858,127				858,127
Instructional staff	690,279	46,875		1,739	738,893
General administration	49,447				49,447
Executive administration	377,957	1,042			378,999
School administration	669,881				669,881
Business	187,611				187,611
Operation and maintenance of plant	967,909				967,909
Student transportation	477,681		20,300	417	498,398
Non-instructional				379,808	379,808
Debt service:					
Principal	419,700				419,700
Interest	275,825				275,825
Facilities acquisition and construction	66,286			3,528	69,814
Total Expenditures	13,337,634	310,511	20,300	401,738	14,070,183
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	276,933		(3,866)	(72,788)	200,279
Other financing sources (uses):					
Capital leases	16,458				16,458
Bond Premium	33,272				33,272
Proceeds from sale of refunding bonds	4,842,387				4,842,387
Payments to refunded bond escrow agency	(4,842,387)				(4,842,387)
Transfer in	37,828		100,000	73,009	210,837
Transfers out	(173,008)		(37,829)		(210,837)
Total other financing sources and u	(85,450)		62,171	73,009	49,730
Net change in fund balances	191,483		58,305	221	250,009
Fund balances, beginning	467,056		308,123		775,179
Fund balances, ending	$658,539	$	$366,428	$221	$1,025,188

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EXHIBIT E - 1
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
School district assessment	$9,817,107	$9,817,107	$9,817,107	$
Other local	157,000	157,000	219,662	(62,662)
State	3,376,576	3,376,576	3,366,669	9,907
Federal	55,000	55,000	88,717	(33,717)
Total Revenues	$13,405,683	$13,405,683	$13,492,155	($86,472)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	8,506,740	8,466,363	8,168,385	297,978
Support services:				
Student	865,789	863,545	858,382	5,163
Instructional staff	716,446	740,850	690,945	49,905
General administration	99,521	88,426	38,352	50,074
Executive administration	406,795	390,503	377,957	12,546
School administration	693,297	692,863	668,934	23,929
Business	181,045	186,732	185,602	1,130
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,116,560	1,088,144	977,692	110,452
Student transportation	441,480	477,899	477,637	262
Debt service:				
Principal	419,700	419,700	419,700	
Interest	249,310	277,627	275,825	1,802
Facilities acquisition and construction	55,950	55,950	40,499	15,451
Total Expenditures	13,752,633	13,748,602	13,179,910	568,692
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(346,950)	(342,919)	312,245	655,164
Other financing sources (uses):				
Bond Premium			33,272	33,272
Transfer in	55,950	55,950	37,828	(18,122)
Transfers out	(137,500)	(141,531)	(173,008)	(50,200)
Total other financing sources and u	(81,550)	(85,581)	(101,908)	(35,050)
Net change in fund balances	($428,500)	($428,500)	210,337	$620,114
Unreserved fund balances, beginning			328,500	
Change in Reserved for Specific Purpose			50,000	
Unreserved fund balances, ending			$588,837	

Report of Actual Special Education Expenditures & Revenues

Description	*Function*	*2005-2006 Expenditures Net of Refunds*	*2006-2007 Expenditures Net of Refunds*
Expenditures Related to Special Education:			
Special Instruction	1200	1,509,403	1,688,887
Psychological Services	2140	80,631	81,721
Speech Services	2150	180,857	190,552
Occupational Therapy Services	2160	93,711	99,330
Special Services Administration	2332	127,115	130,231
Pupil Transportation (Special Ed)	2722	43,175	66,416
Other Expenditures (Federal Projects)			
IDEA		183,872	211,582
Preschool		5,255	9,038
Total Special Education Expenditures		**2,224,019**	**2,477,757**
Tuition		7,527	0
Catastrophic Aid		0	20,296
Medicaid Reimbursement		54,591	65,574
Federal Grants		189,127	220,620
Total Special Education Revenues		**251,245**	**306,490**
Net Cost of Special Education		**1,972,774**	**2,171,267**

Year Ended June 30, 2007

General and Special Revenue Funds

Balance Operating & Operating Investments (BNH & MBIA) 6/30/06:	$	525,327.19
Deposits in Transit 6/30/06		0.00
Outstanding Checks 6/30/06		-129,749.52
General Fund Receipts		13,530,500.30
Food Service Receipts		304,713.58
Other Special Revenue Receipts		338,648.59
Interest Earned		63,024.24
Service Charges		-3,400.60
Disbursements General Fund and Special Revenue Funds		-13,972,392.80
Deposits in Transit 6/30/07		-5,981.12
Outstanding Checks 6/30/07		132,132.25
Bank Balance 6/30/07	$	782,822.11

Arnold C. Coda, *Treasurer*

2002-2003 Operating Transfers In	$50,000
2002-2003 Interest Earned	$1,649
2002-2003 Operating Transfers Out	($ 20,012)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003:	**$159,982**
2003-2004 Operating Transfers In	$50,000
2003-2004 Interest Earned	$1,294
2003-2004 Operating Transfers Out	($88,987)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2004:	**$122,289**
2004-2005 Operating Transfers In	$150,000
2004-2005 Interest Earned	$1,560
2004-2005 Operating Transfers Out	($80,180)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2005:	**$193,669**
2005-2006 Operating Transfers In	$100,000
2005-2006 Interest Earned	$6,339
2005-2006 Operating Transfers Out	($42,470)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2006:	**$257,538**
2006-2007 Operating Transfers In	$50,000
2006-2007 Interest Earned	$13,683
2006-2007 Operating Transfers Out	($38,306)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2007:	**$282,915**

Special Education Expendable Trust Fund
June 30, 2007

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2005:	**$0**
2005-2006 Operating Transfers In	$50,000
2005-2006 Interest Earned	$ 585
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2006:	**$50,585**
2006-2007 Operating Transfers In	$50,000
2006-2007 Interest Earned	$2,751
2006-2007 Withdrawals	$20,300
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2007:	**$83,036**

On August 1, 1997, the District issued a series of general obligation bonds ranging in dominations of $212,000 to $540,000, totaling in the aggregate $6,992,000. These bonds were refinanced in May of 2007 and have varying interest rates of 4 to 5% and yearly maturity dates beginning August 1, 2007, and ending August 1, 2017.

Fiscal Year	*Rate*	*Principal*	*Interest*	*Debt Total*	*State Aid*	*Net Debt Service Cost*
2009	4.00%	370,000	178,125	548,125	111,000	437,125
2010	4.00%	385,000	163,025	548,025	115,500	432,525
2011	4.00%	400,000	147,325	547,325	120,000	427,325
2012	4.00%	415,000	131,025	546,025	124,500	421,525
2013	3.50%	430,000	114,413	544,413	129,000	415,413
2014	4.00%	450,000	97,100	547,100	135,000	412,100
2015	4.00%	465,000	78,800	543,800	139,500	404,300
2016	4.0%-4.5%	490,000	58,700	548,700	147,000	401,700
2017	4.50%	510,000	37,450	547,450	153,000	394,450
2018	5.00%	540,000	13,500	553,500	162,000	391,500
Totals		**$4,455,000**	**$1,019,463**	**$5,474,463**	**$1,336,500**	**$4,137,963**

On July 1, 2004, the District issued a general obligation bond for $548,500. This bond matures on August 15, 2009.

Fiscal Year	*Rate*	*Principal*	*Interest*	*Debt Total*	*Net Debt State Aid*	*Service Cost*
2009	3.0	109,700	5,010	114,710	32,910	81,800
2010	3.0	109,700	1,655	111,355	32,910	78,445
Totals		$219,400	$6,664	$226,064	$65,820	$160,244
Total All Debt		**$4,674,400**	**$1,026,127**	**$5,700,527**	**$1,402,320**	**$4,298,207**

Minutes
Hopkinton School District Annual Meeting March 10, 2007
Hopkinton Middle School, Contoocook, NH

Moderator Charles Dibble called the annual meeting of the Hopkinton School District to order at 9:10 a.m.

The Moderator recognized Andy Dusseault for the purpose of leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dusseault is retiring after 30 years of teaching in Hopkinton. The flag bearers from Girl Scout Troop No. 2362 were Maya Bloom and Kaitlyn Dougherty.

The Moderator introduced Sue Batchelder, School District Clerk; Carol McCann, Supervisor of the Checklist; and Tom Barry of Nixon, Raiche, Vogelman, Barry and Slawsky P.A., representing the School District. Childcare services at the high school are provided today by the Hopkinton Education Association in conjunction with the National Honor Society. Harold Martin School non-resident teachers are providing a Saturday school day for grades K-3 for parents who are attending today's Annual School District meeting. Appreciation goes to Rick Schaefer and members of the Hopkinton Middle/High School custodial staff for the arrangements and set up for the School District meeting, and to student Steven Lux for his help with the PA system.

The Moderator introduced Marshall Rowe, Chair of the Hopkinton School Board, for the purpose of introducing school administrators and the Board as follows: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent; Steve Chamberlin, Principal, Hopkinton Middle/ High School; Chris Kelley, Assistant Principal, Hopkinton Middle/ High School; Michael Bessette, Principal, Maple Street School; Bill Carozza, Principal, Harold Martin School; Michelle Clark, Business Administrator; Val Aubry, Director of Student Services; and Cindy Dobe, Director of Technology. Members of the Board include Joy Bloomfield, Larry Donahue, Kim Fuller and Arpiar Saunders.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Brian J. Blake for the purpose of addressing the assembly. Dr. Blake acknowledged teachers Andy Dusseault and Deborah Pike, who are retiring after 40 years of combined service to the district. Dr. Blake noted some of the accomplishments of the district in the past year, such as the continued high school accreditation and the approval of the special education programs by state. Our teams, programs and individual students, teachers and community volunteers have achieved championships, awards and honors throughout the year, and our seniors have been accepted to many distinguished colleges and universities throughout the country.

The Moderator recognized Marshall Rowe for the purpose of a special presentation. Mr. Rowe noted that Arpiar Saunders is retiring from the School Board after 12 years, and presented him with a painting by senior Katie Nee in appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the district. Mr. Saunders was instrumental in improving education in New Hampshire, as he wrote the case for the original Claremont suit. Mr. Saunders thanked the district for the opportunity to serve, and commended the board, administration, faculty and staff for their efforts on behalf of the district. He closed by noting that voters must consider the outputs of the district, in terms of student accomplishments, as well as the monetary inputs to be determined at this meeting.

The Moderator explained the parliamentary procedures for the meeting, and proceeded to the warrant articles.

ARTICLE I: The Moderator recognized Marshall Rowe for the purpose of moving Article I, seconded by Joy Bloomfield, as follows: to hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen or to take any other action in relation thereto. The Moderator called for a voice vote and **Article I PASSED** without debate.

The Moderator announced that Article II would be passed over in order to move Article III, at the request of the School Board, because many questions and issues will be addressed under this article.

ARTICLE III: The Moderator recognized Marshall Rowe for the purpose of moving Article III, seconded by Larry Donahue, as follows: to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, the Budget Committee's recommended amount of Fourteen Million, Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Dollars ($14,970,359) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district or to take any other action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends Fifteen Million, One Hundred Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars ($15,110,755), and that this article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This article raises the appropriations for the general fund, plus special revenue funds for food service and state and federal grants. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

Mr. Rowe made a motion, seconded by Larry Donahue, to **amend Article III** to read as follows: to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget the amount of Fifteen Million, One Hundred Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars ($15,110,755) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district or to take any other action in

relation thereto.

Mr. Rowe explained that the school board has worked to provide both complete transparency of the budget process and a good understanding of the meaning of financial figures. The board is mindful of the 3.8% target rate set by the budget committee, and of current property tax issues. The board has worked to keep expenditures low while meeting its obligation to Hopkinton children and taxpayers.

Mr. Rowe referred to a handout available at the meeting, provided by the school board, which reviewed expenditures, revenues and the tax impact of the proposed budget. Page one listed the operating budget; Mr. Rowe noted a 4.81% increase in total operating expenses, including mandated or contractual obligations and non-mandated expenses. Of a total increase of $694,000, $615,091 is mandated and $79,000 is non-mandated. Broken down, this amounts to a 6.28% increase in mandated expenses and 1.71% increase in non-mandated expenses. The school board worked to keep non-mandated expenses down.

Page two referred to revenues; in the past year the board focused on increasing revenues. The status of state adequacy aid is in flux, and the handout's numbers are not the most current available. The most recent information indicates that we will receive nearly all of the amount originally determined, and that amount represented a 30% increase over last fiscal year's grant. According to the governor's office budget, we were originally to receive $605,872 in an adequacy grant, and that amount has been adjusted to $486,447, a difference of about $119,000. The final amount will not be determined until the legislature finalizes it, likely in June. Locally raised: $10,589,624. Under the original grant amount, there would have been zero tax impact: zero, if valuation of housing stayed the same. With the change, the impact will become 15 cents per $1,000, or an increase of $30.00 per year for a $200,000 home. The board feels that this budget represents their best efforts on behalf of the district.

The Moderator noted that a request has been presented for a ballot vote on this amendment. The Moderator introduced Karen Irwin, chair of the budget committee, to speak to this amendment.

Ms. Irwin noted that the budget committee also examined the budget for ways to increase revenues and minimize expenses. The budget committee's goal was to keep any increase to 3.8% over the prior year, a figure based on the consumer price index. Actual expenditures over the last three years have included a substantial surplus, which has been included in the revenue numbers and is planned as revenue. The budget can get closer to actual expenses, by at least $140,396. Recommendations to the school board included a reduction of personnel of $61,000. Thirty-two percent of the average surplus is personnel.

The average special education surplus over three years has been $76,000; the budget committee recommends a reduction of $30,000. Article VII represents a $50,000 transfer of funding for purposes of special education needs. Surplus in retirement and course reimbursements averages $125,000, and is a contractual obligation. Surpluses usually pay for contingency/repair and maintenance warrant articles. The committee also recommended reducing the repair and maintenance surplus; which averaged $45,000 per year. The last reduction of $5,000 was for a scoreboard. All areas of reduction were not intended to impact the school or programming, but to get closer to actual costs spent. The committee also set the goal of increasing revenue projected $350,000 still work to meet this goal. The district has increased revenues over projections during the last three years, which is important because tax impact is determined both by the budget and revenue. We need informed individuals to communicate our local concerns to state level government. The budget committee did not recommend Article II as a whole, but might have recommended funding certain projects. The variance between the two budgets is 18 cents. Seventy-four percent of the total tax obligation is for the school. If cuts must be made, the board indicated that they might include middle school sports, coaches, an IT request, a data specialist, year-round office staff and an artist in residence. These areas may not need to be cut if we account for surpluses. In the personnel area, supplies and materials for regular education are $193,000, and are potentially unobligated and we may be able to reserve $61,000. In special education, $186,000 other services and supplies and materials: should be able to reserve $30,000 to have continued reductions in surpluses. In maintenance $383,000 is reserved for supplies and materials. Consider the differences between two budgets and support Article III as originally written.

David Lancaster served on both the Hopkinton Taxpayers Association and the budget committee. He urged voters to vote against the amendment. He showed the reports given to the budget committee detailing both the town and school budgets; the town budget detail was much larger, and yet the school budget accounts for most of our taxes. He believes that cuts could be made without affecting programming, but cuts proposed by the board if the budget is reduced were chosen for their emotional impact. Examples of ways that the current budget could have been reduced included changing the method for determining coaching salaries and spending less on replacing sod on playing fields. The SAU's guideline for maximum class size in the elementary school is 20 students per class; enrollment projections for the coming years indicate 54-58 students per class, so one teacher could be cut without affecting the quality of education. Personnel is the largest cost item and should be controlled when possible. Additionally, $140,000 could be cut from surplus accounts. Mr. Lancaster concluded that further cuts could be made to the budget committee's proposed budget without impacting education, so he urged voters to defeat the amendment to Article III.

Arnold Coda spoke against the amendment. Article VI requests that $50,000 from the year-end undesignated fund balance or surplus be placed in the Educating Educationally Disabled Students Fund. Will there be any similar request to place surplus funds into the maintenance fund?

Mr. Rowe stated that the total surplus amount is approximately $400,000, including the $50,000 intended for the special education trust. No surplus funds are being requested for the maintenance fund.

Mr. Coda felt that budget-to-budget comparisons are not the best way to present material to voters – they need a comparison between actual expenditures and the proposed budget. Comments by school board indicate that they reduced requested increase, but not the actual budget. The budget itself must be reduced. Voters should vote on the actual budget not including any projected surplus. A year-round schooling plan, in which buildings are used all year but students don't attend all year, would be cost-effective. Do not support this budget as proposed or amended.

Jane Bradstreet of the budget committee urged voters to defeat the amendment. The 1997-98 budget was eight million dollars; this proposed budget is $15 million. Last year the budget committee supported a $300,000 cut to a $13 million budget; next year's budget is proposed at $15 million for 23 fewer students. An excellent education can be provided for less money. The school board has no vested interest in cutting the budget unless voters direct them to do so. There are ways to absorb a $140,000 without affecting programming. Since we do not have line item budget, the board will decide how to use surpluses. When the Claremont decision came in, all towns began getting adequacy grant, not just needy districts; if a school such as ours is already adequate, those funds should go to reducing the tax rate. Don't just keep expanding programs. Our property values are high because we have good schools and we support our schools. Defeat this amendment and support the budget committee's budget.

Richard Kennedy noted that Article 28a of the N.H. state constitution: all mandates are inoperative until fully funded. Not support budget until constitution of NH is upheld.

Katie Merrow spoke against the amendment. She is a strong school supporter, but is concerned about the long view of the community. The town has become increasingly divided on issues, and some residents feel that they haven't been heard at the district meetings. Ms. Merrow noted that SB2 is on Tuesday's ballot, which would have a significant effect on town business. Town and school district meetings would be replaced by deliberative sessions, at which a simple majority could amend warrant articles, followed by official ballot voting. Vote against this amendment and vote against SB2.

Scott Flood has attended many meetings in this process and both the budget

committee and the school board have worked hard. The school board has a vested interest, and has been open about their position. The budget committee reviews their position and develops a recommendation for voters. Reducing the surplus makes sense. The budget committee worked hard and succeeded this year to be check and balance in the budget process that it is intended to be. Support the budget committee's budget.

Beth Taylor spoke against the amendment, and stated that SB2 allows for a meeting on the budget prior to voting.

Amy Metcalf asked whether a vote for the budget committee's budget would have an impact on the educational quality for children.

Mr. Rowe noted the importance of today's debate, and gave further information about the budget process. The board increased revenues through school lunch fees, increased athletic fees, preschool and regular tuition fees; we charge more than any surrounding town for our services. Surpluses can be complicated and require judgment. Some surpluses must be raised but not necessarily spent; unspent surplus reduces the following year's taxes. Some surpluses are reserve accounts and reserve funds, which are intended as a prudent fiscal approach to dealing with unanticipated emergency expenses. We are not adding to maintenance trust fund this year because we don't need it, and actually intend to draw it down. We are obligated to educate special needs children from ages 3-21, and some children have needs beyond general education requirements. Expenses associated with education for these students can't always be anticipated, due to changes with individual students and students who come into district during the school year. Additional staff may be required; but generally this is far less expensive than out-of-district placement, which would be necessary if we can't meet the students' needs in town.

If the amendment fails, the board does not want to impact the quality of education. Some factors and expenditures could be deferred, such as upgrading very outdated student information software.

Mr. Lancaster noted that the cuts mentioned by Ms. Irwin do not affect the retirement surplus account and will not degrade the quality of education. It is less than a one percent cut in a fifteen million dollar budget.

Krista Helmboldt was concerned that cutting into the surplus might lower our baseline. A tax break this year might require catching up in the future.

Mr. Rowe agreed that cutting the surplus is a short-term solution, because a cut this year will not be returned to taxpayers next year.

The Moderator opened the polls for a ballot vote, as requested by petition. **The amendment to Article III FAILED, 487-225.**

The Moderator opened debate on Article III as originally presented.

Peter Yunich spoke against the budget committee's amendment. We dodged a bullet with the proposed reduction of state aid and this will change over time. Revenue numbers are likely to change. The proposed warrant articles are for upgrades, with more to come to reflect the facilities committee's work. We face a combination of a potential loss of state funding and significant expenses from capital improvements, a decreasing student population and increasing older population, and taxes will go up. Even with the $140,000 cut, we will still face the loss of state funding.

Mr. Yunich offered an **amendment to Article III** to reduce the school budget by $125,000, from $14,970,359 to $14,845,359. The motion to amend was seconded by Beth Taylor, and the Moderator opened the floor to debate on the amendment.

Arnold Coda supported the amendment. He listed statistics on Hopkinton residents' income levels, age and the percent at or below the poverty level. The population is getting older, and voters must keep in mind the tax load on older residents when voting.

Mr. Rowe noted that the governor's budget would sustain the same level of funding for two years. He also noted that the budget committee sought ways to decrease the budget without causing educational impact. This amendment would cut the budget beyond that amount.

Marion Paxton of the Taxpayers Association suggested operating the community as household, spending within limits and giving up some luxuries if resources are limited.

Roberta Nichols was concerned that Hopkinton could be a town with employees who can't afford to live in it. Hopkinton does not share a superintendent with other districts, which is costly.

David French spoke against the amendment. He was concerned about the impact of cuts beyond those determined by the budget committee, particularly in sports.

Mike Timm spoke against the amendment. Mr. Yunich pointed out the inconsistencies and uncertainty of state funding; by cutting our budget we continue to allow the state government to avoid taking its obligation to fund seriously. Houses are for sale throughout town, the state and region. Our home values are tied to the quality of our schools, as demonstrated by other communities. We should honor our budget committee's process - we selected this committee, and should support them in their efforts.

Merle Dustin noted that if the budget passes, it will still be above last year's budget, and taxes will still go up.

Keith Wallace also noted that the budget committee's recommendation is

not a cut, but an increase. The percentage tax increase is going up faster than the cost of living. Private industry: must propose budget. Taxed beyond rate can afford. Should be able to cost goods and services without impacting quality of education.

Peter Cowan noted that the budget committee and the school board are two elected bodies who came to different conclusions. The responsible way to effect change is to participate in the process, rather than make changes on the floor without any guidance on the ramifications of those changes.

Beth Lindquist of the Taxpayers Association observed that Mr. Rowe had changed numbers in today's handout based on estimates from governor's office. She supports the amendment.

Mr. Kennedy advised voters not to depend on the state for support and requested the budget committee's opinion of this amendment.

The Moderator opened the floor to voting on the amendment by ballot, as petitioned. **The amendment to Article III FAILED, 395-275.**

The Moderator opened debate on Article III as originally presented. Hearing none, he called for the vote and **Article III PASSED** by voice vote.

David Lancaster moved and Merle Dustin seconded to restrict reconsideration of Article III. This motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II: The Moderator recognized Larry Donahue for the purposed of moving Article II, seconded by Joy Bloomfield, as follows: to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars ($372,000) for the replacement of the HVAC system, replacement of approximately 48 single pane windows and an additional parking lot at Harold Martin School; one (1) modular unit for Hopkinton High School and a Security System for Hopkinton High School and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) from the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund established for this purpose or to take any other action in relation thereto. The balance of Two Hundred Seventy-Two thousand dollars ($272,000) is to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the projects are completed or by June 30, 2010 whichever is earlier.

Mr. Donahue explained that this warrant article will allow the School District to replace the HVAC system to Harold Martin at a cost of $200,000, replace approximately 48 single pane windows at HMS for $60,000, add a parking lot at HMS at a cost of $75,000, purchase one modular unit for the high school at a cost of $27,000 to alleviate over scheduling of the building, and install a card reader security system at the high school for $10,000. These items have been addressed and recommended in the Districts Facility Committee Final Report.

We will withdraw $100,000 from the repair and maintenance trust fund to help fund these repairs. The cost of this article is estimated at $.35 per thousand. This amendment addresses safety issues and maintenance items determined by the extensive work of the Facilities committee.

The Moderator opened the floor to debate on Article II.

Ms. Paxton voiced opposition to the article in its entirety. If air quality doesn't meet state standards, the school board should have used emergency funds for this issue. Windows should be replaced over time rather than all at once. Regarding the parking lot issue, we pay for bus transportation, which is statistically safer than private cars, and Environmental awareness: fewer private vehicles. The proposed card reader at the high school would have too many keys to be secure. The solution to overscheduling at the high school is to program for the amount of space available, and reduce curriculum offerings, rather than using modular units. This article should have been divided into separate articles so that voters could decide on each item separately.

Esther Cowles was in favor of the article. As a parent she has seen that the windows and the poor HVAC are a problem in every season. HVAC is ventilation, not air conditioning.

Debra Jones, who works in Harold Martin School, also stressed that there is no air conditioning at the school, just ventilation.

Mr. Rowe explained that testing has determined that the HVAC system doesn't meet current code. The system, dating from 1958, vents through the bathrooms into classrooms, and air flow is not adequate.

Mr. Wallace asked for clarification of the card reader system. Mr. Donahue responded that students and faculty would be issued cards, and visitors would be buzzed by intercom into the school. There are design lapses regarding school security that would be addressed by this system. Mr. Wallace felt that the card key system would not be secure; Mr. Donahue explained that personnel would be present at entrances at peak times of the day. Mr. Wallace asked whether the new parking lot configuration had been planned out, or was a quick fix. Mr. Donahue responded that the lot had been planned, and that it would be a teacher's lot rather than used by parents.

Mr. Lancaster spoke against the article. The traffic problem lies with the behavior of parents. He suggested a one-year trial of placing a person of authority in a high traffic area. Mounting a video surveillance camera would be less expensive than the card reader system. This warrant article should have been presented as a bond issue, requiring a 2/3 majority rather than a simple majority. These costs should be paid by future residents, who will benefit from the improvements, as well as by present voters. The total cost of construction projects

at all three schools should have been presented at once, rather than piecemeal. The minimum cost of all facilities projects recommended by consulting architects would be 11.6 million dollars. The entire cost should go before voters.

Ms. Irwin noted that the budget committee: did not recommend Article II because the projects were presented as one article. The committee felt it did not have enough detail to support the funding level being requested.

Joanie McIntire asked whether the windows and HVAC must be done at the same time. Mr. Donahue affirmed that upgrading the windows alone would create more problems with HVAC inadequacies. Harold Martin School is half the size of the high school, but the cost of heating it is two-thirds the cost of heating the high school. It is difficult to estimate savings due to fuel price fluctuation, but Mr. Rowe estimated that savings should be about 30%.

Ms. Dustin is against all of the projects except the HVAC/window upgrade, and wants a separate amendment for those items.

Mr. Donahue noted that busing would alleviate traffic problems, but we would need more buses to make the rides shorter, which would be costly. Having a policeman at the school would be a costly recurring expense. Lost security cards would be invalidated and unusable by others.

Bob Gerseny was the chairman of the town's facilities planning committee. He gave the background of the committee and noted that the two years' work of the committee resulted in a long list of projects totaling millions of dollars in costs. Some work must be done every year to the schools, due to constant and changing use of the buildings. The decision was made to defer some maintenance items because of this year's tax situation. He noted that some projects will cost more if they are deferred. Refusing to address safety issues would be a serious problem. He feels there are no extraordinary expenses in this article, and urges support of Article II.

David Oberheim is teacher at John Stark High School. A fall at school left him with a brain injury, which has cost $85,000 to date. His primary concern is for school safety; please support the article.

Cameron Ford state that too many items were lumped together into one article; it should be defeated. He made suggestions for traffic flow in the Harold Martin parking lot; Mr. Donahue responded that those possibilities had been considered.

Liz MacBride asked the board why the items were put into one article. Mr. Rowe responded that the board evaluated a long list, and chose projects based on priority and cost. Some projects such as the HVAC/windows project didn't work separately. The board decided not to ask for a bond because the project wasn't large enough to warrant the interest costs that would be incurred.

Discussion was held regarding proper procedures for splitting up Article II into separate items.

Ms. MacBride moved to **amend Article II**, seconded by Jane Bradstreet, by subdividing Article II to vote on each item separately, as follows: **Article IIa**, to raise and appropriate $260,000 (Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars) to replace the HVAC and windows at Harold Martin School through general taxation, and to authorize withdrawal of $100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund for this purpose; **Article IIb**, to raise and appropriate $75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) by general taxation to create an additional parking lot at Harold Martin School; **Article IIc**, to raise and appropriate $27,000 (Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars) by general taxation to obtain one modular classroom for the high school; and **Article IId**, to raise and appropriate $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) by general taxation to purchase a card reader security system for the high school. Each subdivision of Article II will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the projects are completed or by June 30, 2010, whichever is earlier.

The Moderator called for debate on the revision of this article. Hearing none, the **amendment to Article II PASSED** by voice vote.

The Moderator called for debate on Article IIa.

Donna Ireland is a school nurse in a building with a recently improved HVAC system, and it has made a big difference in health issues in the school.

Ken Simons asked whether these amounts are actual cost estimates; the answer from the board was in the affirmative.

Scott Clay felt that the district is not looking at big picture. Alternative energy sources should be considered, rather than depending on current sources.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator called for a vote and **Article IIa PASSED** by voice vote.

The Moderator called for debate on Article IIB. Hearing none, he called for a vote and **Article IIb FAILED** by voice vote.

The Moderator called for debate on Article IIC. Hearing none, he called for a vote and **Article IIc FAILED** by voice vote.

The Moderator called for debate on Article IID. Hearing none, he called for a vote and **Article IId FAILED** by voice vote.

Mr. Lancaster moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles IIa, IIb, IIc, IId. The motion was seconded by Merle Dustin, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: The Moderator recognized Joy Bloomfield for the purpose of moving Article IV, seconded by Kim Fuller, as follows: to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for the purpose of a General Contingency Fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and to expend said funds or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Joy Bloomfield explained that if unused, these funds will lapse at year-end back to the unreserved fund balance. The cost of this article is already in the current tax rate. If this article is not approved, the impact is a tax reduction estimated at .07 per thousand. JOY DID THIS HAPPEN?

The Moderator opened the floor to debate. Hearing none, the Moderator called for a ballot vote, and **Article IV PASSED, 304-175.**

ARTICLE V: The Moderator recognized Arpiar Saunders for the purpose of moving Article V, seconded by Kim Fuller, as follows: to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred And Thirty-Eight Dollars ($55,938) for the purpose of repair and maintenance of the Hopkinton High School, Maple Street School and Harold Martin School and authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred And Thirty-Eight Dollars ($55,938) from the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund established for this purpose or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Saunders noted that the auditor's report of this fund is listed on page S34 of the town report. The Maintenance and Repair Trust Fund has been reduced from $257,538 to $157,538 by the passage of Article IIa. The purpose of this article is to address repair and maintenance items indicated on page 9 of the handout. The middle/high school stage curtains must be replaced because they do not meet flame retardant standards. There is no cost for this article, as the funds are withdrawn from the Maintenance Trust Fund. To take any further money out of this trust fund, a special meeting would be required.

The Moderator called for debate on Article V.

Chris Lawless pointed out that this article and the next article are for approximately $50,000 each; we will be receiving $115,000 less state aid; and we just spent $160,000 in Article II, totaling about $400,000. This will be above and beyond the 15 cents per thousand above the operating costs.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator called for a vote and **Article V PASSED** by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI: The Moderator recognized Kim Fuller for the purpose of moving Article VI, seconded by Arpiar Saunders, as follows: to see if the school district

will vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) to be added to the Educating Educationally Disabled Children Trust Fund, established March 19, 2005, and authorize the school board to transfer up to Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2007, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Ms. Fuller explained that the district annually budgets an estimated amount in the hopes of covering unanticipated costs that may arise in the area of Special Education. At year-end, these appropriations, if unused, lapse back to the unreserved fund balance. However, as per RSA 186-C:13, the district is liable for all expenses incurred in this area, regardless of budgeted amounts. Therefore, the potential exists that an unanticipated placement could pose a considerable burden on the district's budget. This additional amount to be added to the reserve fund that was created in 2005 would enable the district to set aside funds to assist with the expenditure in the event of unanticipated costs. There is no cost for this article, as the funds are taken from fund balance. If this is not approved, the impact is a reduction estimated at .07 per thousand. JOY, DID THIS HAPPEN???/

The Moderator opened the floor to debate. Tom Congoran asked for clarification of the purpose of this expenditure. Ms. Fuller replied that the fund covers emergency expenditures if a child with special needs comes into district. Otherwise it would be necessary to call a special meeting to appropriate funds.

Mr. Flood noted that the wording of the amendment was unclear; is the amount to be placed into the fund $50,000 or $100,000? Ms. Fuller responded that $50,000 is the entire amount, and would be transferred from the end of year surplus. The Moderator noted that the wording is confusing, but is required by the Department of Revenue Administration.

Ed Kaplan noted that it is the same language used in last year's warrant.

Ms. Paxton asked for clarification of the amount that will be in the trust fund if this article passes; Mr. Donahue responded that the fund will increase to $150,000. Ms. Paxton asked whether this account will continue to grow. Dr. Blake noted that emergency expenses can easily exceed $150,000 when a child or children with special needs move into the district.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator called for a vote, and **Article VI PASSED** by voice vote.

ARTICLE VII: The Moderator recognized Arnold Coda for the purpose of moving Article VII, seconded by David Lancaster, as follows: that the School District vote to hold the number of all District employee positions, both full-time and part-time, and of whatever type, including, but not limited to, educational (teacher), administrative, clerical, support, etc., at the number of positions in

effect on January 1, 2007, and that the School Board and School Administration not create any new positions, (of whatever type,) whether full or part-time, except for positions that are or may be required by Federal and State laws or regulations, and further, should the District's budget be reduced at the 2007 District meeting below the budget requested or presented by the District and that positions are eliminated or reduced as a consequence of such action, such positions will not be re-instated, with all of the foregoing being in effect for and throughout the 2007-08 fiscal year. **This is a petition warrant article.**

The Moderator explained that this is a nonbinding article, to give direction to the school board only.

Mr. Coda explained that the purpose of the article is to provide budgetary control – personnel expenses account for the majority of the budget. The article would exempt positions required by law, so that there would be no effect on special education.

Mr. Saunders noted that the warrant is advisory-only, and would not obligate the board to take any action.

The Moderator opened the floor to debate.

Joe Malloy spoke in opposition of the article, and thanked the school board for their efforts.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator called for a vote, and Article **VII FAILED** by voice vote.

ARTICLE VIII: The Moderator recognized Chris Lawless for the purpose of moving Article VIII, seconded by David Lancaster, as follows: to authorize the raising and appropriation of $400 for the purchase of audio recording equipment and materials, and require that the School District audio record all public meetings of the School Board and District in a standard audio file format, and make all recordings available to the public via the School District website, no later than 144 hours after each public meeting, and to have these files remain available on the website for a period of six months, and thereafter make files available to the public in a standard audio file format? **This is a petition warrant article.**

Mr. Lawless explained that this article would allow voters to listen to school board meetings that they can't attend.

The Moderator explained that this is advisory only. If passed, the school board will receive this money, but will not be required to expend the funds. Since it is not part of the general budget, the school board would not be able to spend the funds for other purposes, but the school board would not have to spend the funds.

Mr. Donahue believes that this amount is insufficient to cover the expense

of recording and uploading the audio files. He believes that $4,000 is closer to the actual cost.

Mr. Lawless responded that expensive equipment is not necessary if the recording is carefully made.

Mr. Flood felt that this would help the town and the school board to communicate more effectively.

Erick Leadbeater believed that this would help to reduce ill feelings among town. Although the article is advisory, that advice would be well taken by the board.

Jayne Schoch thought this was an excellent idea. Perhaps it could be taped and checked out from the library. Mr. Donahue replied it is possible; the board is in favor of having files available to the public, but is concerned that the article as written doesn't accurately reflect the cost, and the quality of recordings to date has been poor.

A voter (unintelligible name) felt that equipment being used at Harold Martin School could be used for this purpose. Another possibility is contacting CCTV in Concord to broadcast the meetings on television. Mr. Rowe noted that we don't have the proper equipment at Harold Martin School.

Mr. Kennedy noted that people need to know what's going on – this advisory article is an important idea.

Ms. Dustin urged voters to attend the meetings.

Hearing no further debate, the Moderator called for a vote and **Article VIII PASSED** by voice vote.

ARTICLE IX: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Mr. Lancaster requested that the number of voters in attendance be placed in the minutes. There are 4258 registered voters in Hopkinton, and 765, or 18%, attended today's meeting.

There being no other business before the district, motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Rowe, seconded by Larry Donahue, and passed at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Batchelder
School District Clerk

Warrant for
The 2008 Annual Hopkinton School District Meeting
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of HOPKINTON, in the County of MERRIMACK, in the said State, qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium in said HOPKINTON on Saturday, the Eight (8th) day of March, 2008, next at 9:00 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I: To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE II: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, the Budget Committee's recommended amount of Fifteen million, five hundred twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one dollars ($15,521,951) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The school board recommends this appropriation. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

ARTICLE III: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the purpose of a General Contingency Fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and to expend said funds or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this appropriation). (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE IV: To see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

ARTICLE V: If Article IV is approved, this article can be passed over. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-one thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars ($81,389.00) for the purpose of repair and maintenance of the Hopkinton High School, Maple Street School and Harold Martin School and authorize the withdrawal of eighty-one thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars ($81,389.00) from the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund established for this purpose or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this appropriation.) (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE VI: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be added to the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund, established March 6, 1993, and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2008, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this appropriation.) (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE VII: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Educating Educationally Disabled Children Trust Fund, established March 19, 2005, and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2008, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this appropriation.) (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE VIII: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

FURTHER: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008, with the polls open at 7:30 a.m. and remaining open continually until 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

To choose by nonpartisan ballot, the following School District Officers.

a.	2 School Board Members	3 Year Term
b.	1 Moderator	1 Year Term
c.	1 Clerk	1 Year Term
d.	1 Treasurer	1 Year Term

AND: To vote of the following referendum question:

ARTICLE II: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Hopkinton School District on the second Tuesday of March?" **This is a petitioned warrant article.**

Given under our hands at said Hopkinton this 15th day of February 2008.

Joy Bloomfield, Chairperson

Kim M. Fuller, Vice Chairperson

David Lubeau

Lawrence J. Donahue

Marshall Rowe

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Joy Bloomfield, Chairperson

Kim M. Fuller, Vice Chairperson

David Lubeau

Lawrence J. Donahue

Marshall Rowe

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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

OF: HOPKINTON NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 2/18/2008

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	6,201,781	6,542,233	6,632,211	200,737	6,632,211	
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	1,688,887	1,969,712	2,265,046	32,097	2,265,046	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	2	15,402	15,000	20,000		20,000	
1400-1499	Other Programs	2	268,449	303,014	306,356	30,658	306,356	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
	SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	858,126	967,949	1,053,707	71,914	1,053,707	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	2	690,280	811,854	805,836	144,606	805,836	
	General Administration		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board	2	49,447	51,120	53,410		53,410	
	Executive Administration		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services							
2320-2399	All Other Administration	2	377,957	413,344	490,968	2,596	490,968	
2400-2499	School Administration Service	2	669,881	736,300	738,380	1,206	738,380	
2500-2599	Business	2	187,611	206,472	225,235	72	225,235	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2	967,909	1,082,042	1,012,409	66,947	1,012,409	
2700-2799	Student Transportation	2	477,681	505,503	507,560	774	507,560	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other							
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		49,828	260,000		1,931		

MS-27 Budget - School District of _____HOPKINTON_____ FY __2008-2009___

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal	2	419,700	434,700	479,700		479,700	
5120	Debt Service - Interest	2	275,826	180,733	183,435		183,435	
	FUND TRANSFERS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service	2	448,781	411,988	408,903		408,903	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	2	332,441	338,795	338,795		338,795	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves (page 4)							
5252	To Expendable Trust (page 4)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	Operating Budget Total		13,979,987	15,230,759	15,521,951	553,539	15,521,951	

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5				
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
5251	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	50,000		6	25,000	25,000	25,000	
5252	EDUCATING EDUCATIONALLY DISABLED CHILDREN TRUST FUND	50,000	50,000	7	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	SPECIAL ARTICLE RECOMMENDED	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXX	50,000	XXXXXXXXX	50,000	XXXXXXXXX

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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

1		3	4	5				
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
2310	GENERAL CONTINGENCY		50,000	3	50,000		50,000	
4600	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PURCHASES	49,828	55,938	5	81,389		81,389	
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXX	131,389	XXXXXXXXX	131,389	XXXXXXXXX

MS-27 Budget - School District of _____HOPKINTON_____ FY __2008-2009___

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
	REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition	2	73,903	58,000	32,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	2	62,974	60,000	60,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	2	318,016	348,986	342,952
1700-1799	Student Activities	2	16,949	15,000	17,000
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	2	87,744	92,795	92,795
	REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid	2	135,914	153,259	150,384
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid	2	20,296	36,196	12,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid	2	2,270	2,270	2,270
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition	2	4,682	5,000	3,700
3270	Driver Education	2	13,050	25,000	25,000
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
	REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	2	89,891	93,500	78,033
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition	2	57,331	58,000	62,250
4570	Disabilities Programs	2	220,620	206,500	221,967
4580	Medicaid Distribution	2	65,575	51,000	38,250
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)	2	23,143	23,000	23,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		33,272		
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

MS-27 Budget - School District of _____HOPKINTON_____ FY __2008-2009___

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		37,828	155,938	81,389
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY_____less RAN, Revenue Last FY_____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance	6, 7	100,000	50,000	50,000
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		328,500	587,214	515,000
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		1,691,958	2,021,658	1,807,990

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	15,230,759	15,521,951	15,521,951
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	50,000	50,000	50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	105,938	131,389	131,389
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	15,386,697	15,703,340	15,703,340
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,021,658	1,807,990	1,807,990
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	3,668,514	3,752,073	3,752,073
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	9,696,525	10,143,277	10,143,277

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _$17,207,361__
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR END: 2008-2009

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total **RECOMMENDED** by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	$ 15,703,340
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	$ 479,700
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	$ 183,435
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds &Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	$ 0
5. Mandatory Assessments	$ 0
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< $ 663,135 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	$ 15,040,205
8. Line 7 times 10%	$ 1,504,021
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	$ 17,207,361

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

2008-2009
School District
Operational Budget



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Lawrence J. Donahue

David Luneau

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Dr. Valerie S. Aubry, Director of Student Services

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Michael Bessette, Maple Street School Principal

Steven Chamberlin, Hopkinton Middle/High School Principal

Christopher Kelley, Hopkinton Middle/High School Principal

Executive Summary of The Hopkinton School District Proposed 2008-2009 Budget
2/7/08

Function	Description	Total Budget 07-08	*Total Proposed 08 - 09*	$ Difference	% Difference
1100	Regular Education Programs	$6,542,233	***$6,632,211***	$89,978	1.38%
1200	Special Education Programs	$1,969,712	***$2,265,046***	$295,334	14.99%
1300	Vocational Education Programs	$15,000	***$20,000***	$5,000	33.33%
1400	Other Programs, Athletics & Sch B	$303,014	***$306,356***	$3,342	1.10%
2120	Guidance Services	$390,177	***$409,138***	$18,961	4.86%
2130	Health Services	$175,064	***$179,569***	$4,505	2.57%
2140	Psychological Services	$89,788	***$91,738***	$1,950	2.17%
2150	Speech Pathology Services	$202,539	***$226,288***	$23,749	11.73%
2160	Physical & Occupational Therapy	$110,381	***$146,974***	$36,593	33.15%
2210	Improvement of Instruction Services	$129,197	***$136,548***	$7,351	5.69%
2222/2225	Media & Technology Services	$682,657	***$669,288***	($13,369)	-1.96%
2310	School Board Services/Moderator/Treas	$50,720	***$53,410***	$2,690	5.30%
2320/2320/2515	Office of Superintendent	$619,816	***$716,203***	$96,387	15.55%
2410	Office of School Principal	$736,300	***$738,380***	$2,080	0.28%
2600	Maintenance of Buildings	$1,082,042	***$1,012,409***	($69,633)	-6.44%
2700	Pupil Transportation	$505,503	***$507,560***	$2,057	0.41%
5100	Debt Service	$615,433	***$663,135***	$47,702	7.75%
5200	Food Service/Federal Funds Transfers	$750,783	***$747,698***	($3,085)	-0.41%
WA #5- 4600	Repair & Maintenance Building (Maint Trust)	$55,938	***$81,389***	$25,451	45.50%
WA #6- 5251	Transfer to Repair & Maintenance Trust Fund	$0	***$25,000***	$25,000	100.00%
WA #4- 2310	Contingency	$50,000	***$50,000***	$0	0.00%
WA #7- 5252	Special Education Programs-Expendable Trust	$50,000	***$25,000***	($25,000)	-50.00%
WA#3-4600	HMS HVAC and window replacement	$260,000	***$0***	($260,000)	100.00%
PETITION WARRANT	Audio Recordings	$400	***$0***	($400)	100.00%
	Total	**$15,386,697**	***$15,703,340***	$316,643	2.06%

SUMMARY:	*with Articles*	*without Articles*
Budget Per 2007 - 2008 MS22	*$15,386,697*	*$14,970,359*
Proposed Increase 08 - 09	$316,643	$551,592
Proposed Budget 08 - 09	***$15,703,340***	***$15,521,951***
Percentage Variance	***2.06%***	***3.68%***

Hopkinton School District
Revenues

REVENUE SOURCES	2004/2005 ACTUAL	2005/2006 ACTUAL	2006/2007 BUDGETED	2006/2007 ACTUAL	2007/2008 MS 24	2008/2009 MS 27	Variance
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES							
Tuition	$ 49,645.00	$ 56,641.48	$ 50,000.00	$ 73,903.26	$ 58,000.00	$ 32,000.00	$ (26,000)
Interest Earnings Adequacy Grant	23,965.01	60,282.53	35,000.00	62,974.24	60,000.00	60,000.00	$ -
Food Service Sales & Transfers Into FS	290,532.26	296,539.32	325,870.00	318,015.83	348,986.00	342,952.00	$ (6,034)
Student Activities	7,385.00	8,277.14	10,000.00	16,948.81	15,000.00	17,000.00	$ 2,000
Other Local Sources (rent, drivers ed,etc)	6,146.33	42,783.66	62,000.00	65,813.56	54,000.00	54,000.00	$ -
Fund 8 Grants and Donations	59,396.64	41,765.22	38,795.00	21,930.18	38,795.00	38,795.12	$ -
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES							
School Building Aid	85,500.00	133,181.10	136,140.00	135,913.46	153,259.00	150,384.41	$ (2,875)
Catastrophic Aid	4,895.01	-	20,296.00	20,296.18	36,196.00	12,000.00	$ (24,196)
Child Nutrition Food Service	3,736.27	3,704.18	3,500.00	4,682.20	5,000.00	3,700.00	$ (1,300)
Driver Education	19,950.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	13,050.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	$ -
Vocational Transportation	2,270.60	1,958.02	-	2,269.90	2,270.00	2,270.00	$ -
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES							
Federal Program Grants	110,712.85	99,377.33	93,500.00	89,890.67	93,500.00	78,033.00	$ (15,467)
Disabilities Programs (IDEA,PRESCH)	186,400.82	189,126.50	206,500.00	220,620.15	206,500.00	221,967.00	$ 15,467
Other Federal Sources (Child Nutrition)	52,339.69	56,856.93	64,250.00	57,331.27	58,000.00	62,250.00	$ 4,250
Medicaid Reimbursement	19,676.36	54,590.81	30,000.00	65,574.45	51,000.00	38,250.00	$ (12,750)
Medicare Reimbursement			25,000.00	23,143.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	$ -
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Sale of Bonds or Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refinancing of 1997 Bond	-	-	-	33,272.37	-	-	
Transfer from General Fund for Capital Projects	28,310.00						
Transfer from Capital Projects	1,100.01						
Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	74,179.62	42,470.00	55,950.00	37,828.24	155,938.00	81,389.00	$ (74,549)
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 1,026,141.47	$ 1,102,554.22	$ 1,181,801.00	$ 1,263,457.77	$ 1,384,444.00	$ 1,242,990.53	$ (141,453)
State Adequate Education Grant	$ 1,651,957.00	$ 1,630,408.00	$ 1,630,408.00	$ 1,630,408.00	$ 2,116,855.00	$ 2,116,855.00	$ -
State Property Tax	1,725,839.00	1,574,185.00	1,564,732.00	1,564,732.00	1,551,659.00	1,635,218.00	$ 83,559
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 4,403,937.47	$ 4,307,147.22	$ 4,376,941.00	$ 4,458,597.77	$ 5,052,958.00	$ 4,995,063.53	$ (57,894)
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS PER MS22 (APPROVED BY VOTE	$ 13,289,555.00	$ 13,490,765.00	$ 14,622,548.00	$ 14,622,548.00	$ 15,386,697.00	**$15,703,340**	
Less Transfer to Expendable Trust Funds	150,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0
Less Fund Balance - To Reduce Taxes	358,865.00	483,470.00	328,500.00	328,500.00	587,214.00	515,000.00	(72,214)
ESTIMATED Amount to be Raised Locally	$ 8,213,126.00	$ 8,835,982.00	$ 9,817,107.00	$ 9,817,107.00	$ 9,696,525.00	$ 10,143,276.47	$ 446,751

TOTAL ESTIMATE TAX RATE IMPACT	Actual Tax Rate 2004/2005	Actual Tax Rate 2005/2006	Actual Tax Rate 2006/2007	Actual Tax Rate 2007/2008	Estimated Tax Rate 2008/2009	$ Variance
Valuation	$ 610,535,604.00	$ 620,335,819.00	$ 768,237,052.00	$ 761,804,120.00	$ 761,804,120.00	
Assessment	8,213,126.00	8,835,982.00	9,817,107.00	9,696,525.00	10,143,276.47	
Local Tax Rate	$ 13.45	$ 14.24	$ 12.78	$ 12.73	$ 13.31	$ 0.58
Valuation	$ 592,987,785	$ 602,031,419	$ 750,956,652	$ 744,202,520	$ 744,202,520	
Assessment	1,725,839.00	1,574,185.00	1,564,732.00	$ 1,551,659.00	$ 1,635,218.00	
State Tax Rate	$ 2.91	$ 2.61	$ 2.08	$ 2.08	$ 2.20	$ 0.12
TOTAL TAX	$ 16.36	$ 16.86	$ 14.86	$ 14.81	$ 15.51	$ 0.70

Total 2007 - 2008 Operational Budget			**$14,970,359**
	- MAJOR INCREASES -		
*	Salary increase for staff	$339,490	
*	Special Education costs - Changes in personnel and additions to staff are needed to meet current student needs. Professional services and resources outside the district required for student programs have also been increased.	$201,382	
*	Early Retirement for Teachers	$26,626	
*	Regular and vocational transportation increase	$13,558	
*	Increase on Principal payment of debt	$45,000	
*	Benefits - FICA ($22,302): retirement ($28,846) and our tuition obligation per union contact ($7,756).	$58,904	
*	Increase in the following lines: Dues and Fees ($12,712), Books ($11,624) and Information Access Fees ($9,300).	$33,636	
*	Restructure and increase of .10 for Administrative Assistant to Business Administration	$20,479	
*	Administrative Assistant to Director of Student Services from .50 to 1.0	$27,912	
*	Other non-major increases/decreases	$9,547	
	Total Major Increases		***$776,534***
	- MAJOR DECREASES -		
*	Transportation Out of District	($36,000)	
*	Benefits - Decrease in Health Inusrance ($52,812) and Sick Bank ($24,831).	($77,643)	
*	Decrease in the following lines: General supplies ($22,069), Periodicals ($5,014), Software ($15,474), Reference Materials ($15,071), Repair and Maintenance accounts ($27,456), Oil ($11,815) and Electricity ($14,400).	($111,299)	
	Total Major Decreases		***($224,942)***
Total Proposed 2008 - 2009 Operational Budget			**$15,521,951**

MAJOR BUDGET COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS

SALARIES: Salaries; Salaries Secretarial/Clerks; Salaries Substitutes; Salaries Temps; and Salaries Summer.

BENEFITS: Health Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life/LTD Insurance; Workers Compensation; Retirements; FICA; Sick Bank; Unemployment Insurance; Tuition Reimbursement.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Instructional Services; Instructional Improvement; Curriculum Development; Conferences and Conventions; Contracted Pupil Services; Contracted Evaluation Services; Contracted Pupil Health Services; General Testing; Alcohol/Drug Programs; Management Services; Data Processing; Statistical Services; Legal Services; and Other Professional Services.

PROPERTY SERVICES: Water; Sewer; Water Inspection; Cleaning Services; Disposal Services; Snow Plowing; General Repair and Maintenance; Repair Non-Instructional Equipment; Painting; Repairs Plumbing/Electrical; Repairs Heat and Ventilation; Repairs Building Interior and Exterior; Rent/Lease Equipment; Film Rental; Contracted Services; Maintenance Agreements – Buildings and Grounds.

OTHER SERVICES: Transportation; Liability Insurance; Postage; Advertising; Printing; Communications; Vocational Tuition; Tuition; and Travel.

SUPPLIES & MATERIALS: Supplies; Small Tools and Hardware; AV Supplies; Books; Periodicals; Microfilm; Electricity; Oil Heat; Gasoline; Propane Gas; Reference Materials; Software; and Telecommunications.

PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT: Additional/New Equipment; Replace Equipment; Additional/New Furniture; Replace Furniture; and New Vehicles.

OTHER ITEMS: Dues and Fees; Bond-Principal; Bond-Interest; Contingency; Fund Transfers; Miscellaneous; Other Uses of Funds.

PROPOSED BUDGET
2/6/08
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 BUDGET
TOTAL OF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS

The 2008-2009 Hopkinton School District Operational Budget is grouped into five basic operational programs: Instructional Programs; Student and Staff Services; Administrative Services; Facilities and Transportation; and Debt Service with Fund Transfers.

Special warrant articles can be found at the end of this document and are not included in the operational budget totals.

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

The functions found within the Instructional Programs group are Regular Educational programs, Special Educational programs, Vocational programs, and other Instructional programs.

Regular Educational Programs (1100's)

The Regular Education portion of the 2008-2009 budget contains instructional activities designed to provide all students with learning experiences that prepare them to become productive citizens and family members. All grade levels and subjects are funded in this section.

1100 Regular Education

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$4,131,796	$ 4,350,370	$ 4,603,291	$4,452,464	$ 4,559,490	$ 4,705,503	$ 146,013
Benefits	1,100,354	1,206,245	1,511,973	1,454,301	1,641,040	1,585,087	(55,953)
Professional Services	25,471	50,062	75,000	53,110	75,000	75,500	500
Property Services	32,979	32,854	35,510	31,761	36,985	37,635	650
Other Services	-	1,256	-	86	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	146,643	147,499	175,527	158,029	182,932	169,976	(12,956)
Property/ Equipment	34,118	29,063	34,577	44,434	36,436	48,255	11,819
Other Items	1,320	2500	6,350	7,596	10,350	10,255	(95)
Totals	***$5,472,681***	***$5,819,849***	***$ 6,442,228***	***$6,201,781***	***$ 6,542,233***	***$ 6,632,211***	***$ 89,978***

As of December 17, 2007, we have 1034 (including special education) students enrolled in our regular education programs. Programs of instruction are offered for grades P-12 in state required academic areas which include English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, etc. Our schools also offer many additional courses which provide valuable enrichment to our students' education. Specific information about courses and programs are available on the school webpages which can be accessed at the District website www.hopkintonschools.org. School Board standards require student sign-ups of twelve students for all courses. Some courses will run with less than 12 students following the production of the schedule and drop-add period with approval from the Board. Not all courses listed in the course catalog (Program of Studies) will be available every semester.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salary increases are due largely to contractual obligations; however there also was a net decrease of (1.36) in FTE's. The Board reduced Kindergarten classes, which changed a position from a 1.0 to a .50 FTE. There were also reductions to extra classes and restructuring of a full-time teaching position at HMHS.
- Decreases in benefits are related primarily to a drop in the health insurance rate, changes in personnel and sick bank.
- The decrease in the Supplies and Materials line represents reductions to these areas.
- Increase in property/equipment is due to copiers that need to be replaced ($4,201), as well as various school department requests for new or replacement equipment.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
76.87	77.47	75.35	73.99	(1.36)

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

Special Education Programs (1200's)

This budget is for instructional activities designed primarily for students who require special services. These services include pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary and secondary services for the students who are mentally, physically, emotionally, or learning disabled; culturally different; bilingual or require other special services.

1200 Special Education Programs

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$983,351	$ 1,135,601	$ 1,292,215	$1,213,430	$ 1,361,580	$ 1,580,945	$ 219,365
Benefits	199,130	259,995	337,899	303,237	389,509	429,733	40,224
Professional Services	13,805	29,225	25,800	13,068	31,970	44,000	12,030
Property Services	-	66	300	-	-	350	350
Other Services	22,609	72,004	92,000	147,894	170,000	189,000	19,000
Supplies and Materials	11,832	12,432	15,930	11,114	15,648	17,209	1,561
Property/ Equipment	3,748	80	66	144	1,005	3,809	2,804
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	***$1,234,475***	***$1,509,403***	***$ 1,764,210***	***$1,688,887***	***$ 1,969,712***	***$ 2,265,046***	***$ 295,334***

As of December 17, 2007, the number of students enrolled in Special Education programs is 165. We have students placed out of district; however, the majority of these students are also in our regular education programs. Services provided to these students are determined by their Individual Educational Programs in accordance with State and Federal requirements. Services provided include but are not limited to: academic, Instructional Aide/Rehabilitation Assistant and consultation with specialists. Other services as listed in separate areas (i.e. OT/PT – 2163) also impact special education.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salaries have increased due to additional staff necessary to meet current student needs and contractual obligations. The district's population of students identified for Special Education services is at State average (approximately 14%).
- Increased Benefits related primarily to increases in staff.
- Professional services increased due to current student needs.
- Other Services increased $19,000, due to a need for out of district services for our student population.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
40.38	45.78	48.01	55.13	7.12*

*= Of this increase, the School Board approved during the 2007-08 school year additional IA's totaling 3.0 at the Middle/High School due to student needs changing or new students.

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

Vocational Programs (1300)

- This budget is for instructional activities that provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for employment in an occupational area. These funds are for tuition to the Concord School District Regional Vocational Program. Over the past 3 years the District has had an average of 13 students take advantage of this opportunity.

1300 Vocational Education

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Other Services	$8,971	$6,725	$9,250	$15,402	$15,000	$20,000	$5,000
Totals	***$ 8,971***	***$ 6,725***	***$ 9,250***	***$ 15,402***	***$ 15,000***	***$ 20,000***	***$ 5,000***

Increase/Decrease due to the following: Anticipated tuition increase.

Other Instructional Programs (1400)

This budget contains funds for activities commonly known as co-curricular programs. Funds in this category are for the coaches, officials, equipment, and supplies for school sponsored activities under the guidance and supervision of staff designed to provide motivation, enjoyment, and improvement of skills for students. Co-curricular programs normally supplement the regular instructional program and include such activities as band, chorus, and athletics.

1400 Other Instructional Programs

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 164,994	$ 159,434	$ 184,275	$169,208	$185,587	$188,385	$2,798
Benefits	29,017	23,145	25,986	24,048	31,894	29,528	(2,366)
Professional Services	6,832	30,935	55,420	49,895	58,420	63,502	5,082
Property Services	-	-	400	-	2,400	400	(2,000)
Other Services	-	-	-	60	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	14,486	11,159	13,600	12,289	12,750	13,345	595
Property/ Equipment	5,256	6,302	6,990	9,869	7,582	6,980	(602)
Other Items	26,650	2,765	4,381	3,080	4,381	4,216	(165)
Totals	***$247,235***	***$233,740***	***$291,052***	***$268,449***	***$303,014***	***$306,356***	***$3,342***

This area is partially funded by student athletic fees. There are 6 categories of co-curricular activities and 7 categories of athletic activities that are available to students. For further details, please reference the HEA Bargaining Agreement under Schedule B.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salary increases are due to contractual obligations.
- Decreases in benefits are related primarily to a drop in the health insurance rate.
- The increase in Professional Services is due to official, site and entry fees.
- Decrease in Property Services is due to the wireless scoreboard being removed.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
.40	.40	.40	.40	0.00

-STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES-

Student and Staff Services include Guidance Services, Health Services, Psychological Services, Speech Pathology and Auditory Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy; Improvement of Instruction Services, and Media Services.

Guidance Services (2120)

This budget provides for counseling with students and parents, consultation on learning problems, evaluation of students, and assisting students as they make educational decisions and choose their career paths.

2120 Guidance Services

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 240,132	$ 245,124	$ 258,494	$264,307	$314,583	$329,528	$14,945
Benefits	63,710	49,344	57,432	58,576	70,972	74,335	3,363
Professional Services	-	886	1,970	683	1,440	750	(690)
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	3,087	4,114	5,152	3,154	3,182	4,525	1,343
Property/ Equipment	50	-	-	230	-	-	-
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	***$306,979***	***$299,468***	***$323,048***	***$326,964***	***$390,177***	***$409,138***	***$18,961***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salary increases are due to contractual obligations.
- Increases in benefits are due to changes in coverage.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
5.00	5 00	5.60	5.60	0.00

Health Services (2130)

This budget addresses physical and mental health services. It is predominately for school nursing services but does include some direct instruction. We currently have 1 nurse in each school building.

2130 Health Services

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 112,264	$ 120,631	$ 127,175	$127,924	$135,555	$145,366	$9,811
Benefits	24,739	27,063	32,790	26,185	33,834	28,373	(5,461)
Professional Services	-	49	600	180	600	600	-
Property Services	-	170	530	92	430	255	(175)
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	3,096	3,348	4,071	4,132	3,885	4,455	570
Property/ Equipment	623	178	545	1,047	635	395	(240)
Other Items	105	125	125	-	125	125	-
Totals	***$140,827***	***$151,564***	***$165,836***	***$159,560***	***$175,064***	***$179,569***	***$4,505***

Based on information from prior years, it is anticipated that during the 2006-2007 school year, 14,000 visits will be made to the nurses' offices in our schools. Our nurses will screen approximately 770 students for vision, 540 for hearing, 1100 for height and weight, 340 for scoliosis, 6,800 for medicine administration, and administer 105 staff flu shots. Further detail can be obtained in the Hopkinton School District area of the Hopkinton Town Report under Health Services Report.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salary increase is due mainly to contractual obligations; however a one-day a week assistant is in the budget for the Middle/High School.
- The decrease in benefits is related primarily to a drop in the health insurance rate and change in insurance coverage.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
3.00	3 00	3.00	3.20	.20

Psychological Services (2140)

This budget includes activities concerned with administering psychological tests and interpreting the results. The gathering and interpreting of information about student behavior, working with staff members in planning school programs to meet the special needs of pupils as indicated by psychological tests, is included here. Behavioral evaluation, planning, and managing a program of psychological services, including psychological counseling for students, staff, and parents, is funded in this section of the budget.

Speech Pathology Services (2150)

These funds include activities which have as their purpose the identification, assessment, and treatment of children with impairments in communication, speech, hearing, and language.

Physical and Occupational Services (2163)

These funds include activities, which assess the need for increasing the physical, gross and fine motor skills, and occupational skills of students. These activities also include the treatment for these areas.

Psychological, Speech & Physical/Occupational Services

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 213,117	$ 274,726	$ 284,908	$284,009	$297,710	$311,002	$13,292
Benefits	35,707	56,314	64,459	64,133	75,533	105,008	29,475
Professional Services	66,116	18,391	21,700	19,322	23,900	41,500	17,600
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	921	1,178	1,100	1,177	1,400	1,800	400
Supplies and Materials	4,142	4,590	4,238	2,801	3,907	3,175	(732)
Property/ Equipment	150	-	500	160	258	2,515	2,257
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	***$320,153***	***$355,199***	***$376,905***	***$371,602***	***$402,708***	***$465,000***	***$ 62,292***

During the 2006-2007 school year, 64 students were evaluated and 16 received direct counseling from our School Psychologist. Thirty-seven students were evaluated and 41 received therapy from our Occupational Therapist. Six students were evaluated and 6 students received therapy from our Physical Therapist. Forty students were evaluated and 41 students received therapy from our Speech Pathologists (Some of these services are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement if the students qualify).

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salaries have increased due to current student needs and contractual increases.
- Increased benefits related primarily to the increases in FTEs as well as the change in personnel.
- Professional Services increased due to current student needs.
- Property/Equipment increase due to additional testing kits that are needed for current student need.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
5.80	5.52	5.42	5.53	.11

Improvement of Instruction Services (2210)

This budget includes activities designed primarily for assisting teaching and support staff in the planning, development, and provision of learning experiences for students. These activities include curriculum development, staff development, inservice training, and other training programs for instructional and support staff.

2210 Improvement of Instruction

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 15,650	$ 18,106	$ 14,949	$18,844	$10,800	$8,500	($2,300)
Benefits	32,054	24,800	63,879	35,000	77,597	85,898	8,301
Professional Services	20,384	26,164	39,900	15,252	39,900	41,250	1,350
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	-	8,982	900	548	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	964	3,040	-	3,315	900	900	-
Property/ Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items	-	2,440	-	286	-	-	-
Totals	***$69,052***	***$83,532***	***$119,628***	***$73,245***	***$129,197***	***$136,548***	***$7,312***

This area includes tuition for teachers for which the district is contractually obligated to budget a sum equal to 30% of the number of the bargaining unit times the in-state tuition rate for a five (5) credit graduate course at the University of New Hampshire. Further information can be obtained from the HEA collective bargaining agreement. This agreement is located on the School District's website (www.hopkintonschools.org) under the News and Info Tab.

. Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The decrease in salaries is due to the removal of Summer Academy, which was a project for last year.
- Increase in Benefits is due to tuition reimbursement costs related to the current HEA contract.
- Increase in Professional Services is due to in-service costs related to the current HEA and HESS contracts.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Media and Technology Services (2222 and 2225)

This budget includes both the library and computer assisted instruction programs. The library programs include activities such as integrating information skills into the curriculum; selecting, acquiring; preparing, cataloging, and circulating books and other materials. The computer assisted instruction program includes planning, programming, writing, and presenting educational projects, which have been designed to be used with the computer as the principle medium of instruction.

2222 Media

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 174,761	$ 182,462	$ 188,709	$190,198	$197,631	$182,929	($14,702)
Benefits	42,151	45,951	53,132	52,988	63,382	76,282	12,900
Professional Services	1,340	1,464	1,423	860	923	-	(923)
Property Services	2,410	2,154	3,800	2,868	3,800	2,800	(1,000)
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	1,130	1,130
Supplies and Materials	48,234	40,792	38,240	37,288	40,778	39,495	(1,283)
Property/ Equipment	6,111	2,900	3,250	3,531	4,675	4,990	315
Other Items	665	-	300	625	300	1,820	1,520
Totals	***$275,672***	***$275,723***	***$288,854***	***$288,358***	***$311,489***	***$309,446***	***($2,043)***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salaries have decreased due to a change in personnel.
- Increased Benefits related primarily to a change in personnel.
- All other lines result in a net decrease of ($241). In the summer of 2007, accounts were changed to comply with the NH Financial Handbook.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00

This section of the budget includes the hardware and software needs district wide. This category includes the staff that provides some educational instruction as well as support of technology for students and staff.

2225 Technology Services

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 119,721	$ 140,493	$ 148,644	$ 148,778	$ 153,467	$155,192	$1,725
Benefits	35,736	33,127	39,482	37,920	42,728	42,283	(445)
Professional Services	2,220	-	5,000	20,706	32,963	23,128	(9,835)
Property Services	3,032	44,066	57,339	54,213	57,279	58,638	1,359
Other Services	-	5,513	5,744	4,549	5,300	3,770	(1,530)
Supplies and Materials	16,071	13,097	32,826	27,576	41,377	35,682	(5,695)
Property/ Equipment	96,457	55,585	12,400	19,540	29,025	24,176	(4,849)
Other Items	-	-	6,529	15,395	9,029	16,973	7,944
Totals	***$273,237***	***$291,881***	***$307,964***	***$328,677***	***$371,168***	***$359,842***	***($11,326)***

This area includes all repair and maintenance of equipment, fees for data systems and district-wide ink supplies. The technology department services approximately 450 workstations, 12 servers, and 8 labs of computers, with a user base of approximately 1,250. The district labs are replaced on a rotating basis in order to keep all technology as current as possible.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Increase in Salaries is due to changes to personnel.
- The decrease in Benefits is related to the decrease in health insurance rates.
- The decrease in Professional Services is due to the change in contracted positions.
- Decrease in Supplies and Materials is due to software being purchased in last years budget and therefore not needed in 08-09.
- Decrease in Property/Equipment is due to a reduction in new or replacement of current equipment.
- The increase in Other Items is due largely to the purchase of Aspen (Student Information System). The fees for the old system were recorded in software lines in prior years.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.00

-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-

The Administrative Cost section of the 2008-2009 budget includes School Board services, Treasurer, Annual District Meeting costs, legal expenses, audit fees, the Office of the Superintendent, and the School Administrative Offices.

School Board Services (2310)

This budget includes activities of the School Board according to State law and their responsibilities for the development of policy and oversight of the District. The budget covers the costs of the District Treasurer and services rendered in connection with any school system election. These include the election of officers, bond vote, budget and appropriation vote, and all district sponsored meetings. Also included here is funding for counsel in regard to law and statutes, and independent auditor services.

2310 School Board Administration

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 8,740	$ 10,448	$ 10,725	$11,532	$10,650	$11,025	$375
Benefits	784	1,020	959	1,048	946	1,003	57
Professional Services	20,097	23,079	22,200	23,991	23,850	25,400	1,550
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	300	3,088	4,000	2,825	3,250	3,250	-
Supplies and Materials	-	782	1,200	1,920	1,200	-	(1,200)
Property/ Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items	12,558	13,890	10,437	8,131	10,824	12,732	1,908
Totals	***$42,479***	***$52,307***	***$49,521***	***$49,447***	***$50,720***	***$53,410***	***$2,610***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Professional Services are increased to reflect estimated auditing services costs.
- Supplies and Materials decreased due to the reclassification of bank service charges into other items.

*NOTE: Although the Contingency Fund is normally reported in function code 2310, it is presented to be voted upon as a separate warrant article and is not included in the totals above.

-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-

Office of the Superintendent (2320, 2332, 2511 & 2515)

This budget includes activities associated with the administration of the school district and operations of the S.A.U. office. The funded positions for the Superintendent, Business Administrator, Bookkeeper, Director of Student Services, Administrative Assistant, and Receptionist/Secretary are included here. This area also contains the increases for all non-union personnel including principals, technology staff, facilities maintenance director and office staff.

2320, 2332, 2511 & 2515 Office of Superintendent

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 320,428	$ 383,421	$ 376,853	$ 379,630	$ 393,169	$475,255	$82,086
Benefits	191,081	183,100	121,387	118,060	155,242	171,767	16,525
Professional Services	60,931	30,065	20,000	24,424	27,300	28,080	780
Property Services	11,751	11,310	16,000	687	1,250	750	(500)
Other Services	41,042	30,543	32,550	20,480	23,550	21,381	(2,169)
Supplies and Materials	13,663	15,939	11,350	9,726	9,965	8,838	(1,127)
Property/ Equipment	330	2,468	2,000	6,303	2,000	750	(1,250)
Other Items	6,560	6,112	7,700	6,257	7,340	9,382	2,042
Totals	***$645,786***	***$662,958***	***$587,840***	***$565,567***	***$619,816***	***$716,203***	***$96,387***

This area includes all personnel matters; union negotiations, advertising, employment screening, fingerprinting, benefits, and payroll. The business office handles all contracts, budgeting and accounts payable and receivable. The student services area includes all management of special education. The Office of the Superintendent is responsible for all state reporting.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The increase in Salaries is due to all non-union wage increases being recorded in this area ($51,560.) as well as additions and restructuring of existing personnel to improve efficiency and meet increasing demands. Note corresponding lines elsewhere in the budget do not show significant increases. See page 5 for more detail.
- Increase in Benefits is due to additions and restructuring of existing personnel.
- The decreases in Other Services and Supplies and Materials are due to savings from new providers as well as changes to prior practice.
- Property/Equipment decrease due to less new or replaced items for next year.
- The increase in Other Items is due to increase in fees for various organizations.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
7.00	6.40	6.40	7.00	.60

Office of the School Principal (2410&2490)

This budget includes activities concerned with the management of our schools. It includes the activities performed by the principal and any other assistants in general oversight of the operations of the school, evaluation of the staff members in the schools, assignment of duties to staff members, supervision and maintenance of the records of the school, and coordination of school instructional activities within the district. It also includes clerical staff costs and office expenses.

2410 & 2490 Office of the School Principal

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 402,105	$ 407,785	$ 432,082	$ 441,046	$ 467,659	$472,004	$4,345
Benefits	129,505	144,135	171,694	164,529	186,442	184,386	(2,056)
Professional Services	7,376	1,734	10,135	2,928	10,135	10,135	-
Property Services	-	329	650	429	650	650	-
Other Services	41,381	37,008	48,934	33,554	42,139	43,199	1,060
Supplies and Materials	12,277	11,719	17,937	14,549	18,350	18,300	(50)
Property/ Equipment	1,337	1,366	2,750	2,939	1,500	1,320	(180)
Other Items	9,325	8,518	9,115	9,907	9,425	8,386	(1,039)
Totals	***$603,306***	***$612,594***	***$693,297***	***$669,881***	***$736,300***	***$738,380***	***$2,080***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The increase in Salaries is due to current obligations.
- The decrease in Benefits is due largely to the decrease in health insurance rates.
- Other Services increased due to the increase in the mileage rates.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
9.50	8.50	8.60	8.60	0.00

BUILDINGS AND TRANSPORTATION-

Maintenance of Buildings (2600)

This budget includes costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of all district buildings. This includes salaries and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff and also includes the operating costs of heating, light and venting systems, and repair of facilities. The cost of custodial supplies, rubbish removal, water, sewer, snow removal, landscaping, grounds maintenance, and building liability insurance are also contained herein.

2600 Maintenance of Buildings

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 351,728	$ 371,305	$ 380,961	$ 369,023	$ 393,218	$409,738	$16,520
Benefits	132,310	154,967	207,708	170,017	198,150	189,886	(8,264)
Professional Services	-	390	100	-	640	100	(540)
Property Services	99,088	100,768	134,755	102,276	131,572	100,207	(31,365)
Other Services	25,215	19,769	37,967	29,738	30,417	31,812	1,395
Supplies and Materials	239,249	257,441	330,719	291,990	322,445	279,066	(43,379)
Property/ Equipment	13,443	11,348	24,350	4,865	5,600	1,600	(4,000)
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	***$861,033***	***$915,988***	***$1,116,560***	***$967,909***	***$1,082,042***	***$1,012,409***	***($69,633)***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The increase in wages is due to contractual obligations.
- The decrease in benefits is due to the change in personnel and decrease in health insurance rates.
- Property Services, Supplies and Materials and Property/Equipment decreases are due to efforts to reduce the budget.
- Other Services increased due to Property/Liability Insurance.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	0.00

Pupil Transportation Services (2700)

This budget defines Hopkinton's transportation contract costs and includes all student transportation.

2700 Pupil Transportation

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	$ 11,347	$ 28,467	$ 29,524	$ 36,651	$ 37,794	$36,842	($952)
Benefits	1,431	5,422	6,957	5,779	7,758	9,716	1,958
Professional Services	-	-	-	60	-	100	100
Property Services	-	1,010	2,000	4,114	2,000	2,000	-
Other Services	439,695	389,824	386,691	413,864	438,768	426,065	(12,703)
Supplies and Materials	-	5,370	4,500	5,146	7,250	9,275	2,025
Property/ Equipment	-	12,021	11,808	11,808	11,808	23,312	11,504
Other Items	784	108	-	259	125	250	125
Totals	***$453,257***	***$442,222***	***$441,480***	***$477,681***	***$505,503***	***$507,560***	***$2,057***

The district currently owns two school buses; one is used daily for special education students to and from school, high school vocational runs and a kindergarten route; the other is used for class field trips and athletic events.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The decrease in Salaries and increase in Benefits is due to change in personnel.
- Other Services decreased due to no out-of-district transportation needed at this time.
- Supplies and materials increased due to gasoline and repair and maintenance costs.
- The increase in Property/Equipment is due to the lease purchase that was made in August 2007. This purchase was a bus to replace the one we use for small field trips and athletics transportation.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

Debt Service

These funds are set aside for District debt service. The debt service budget consists of two bond repayments; 1) the 5-year bond issued in 2004, to support the recently completed roof repair at Harold Martin School, Maple Street School, and Hopkinton Middle/High School and 2) the 20-year bond issued in 1997, for construction projects at the Maple Street School and Hopkinton High School.

5100 Debt Service

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Principal	$ 285,000	$ 404,700	$ 419,700	$ 419,700	$ 434,700	$479,700	$ 45,000
Interest	276,552	267,191	249,310	249,131	180,733	183,435	2,702
Professional Services - Refinancing of Bond	-	-	-	26,118	-	-	-
Other Services – Refinancing of Bond	-	-	-	577	-	-	-
TOTAL	***$ 561,552***	***$671,891***	***$ 669,010***	***$ 695,526***	***$ 615,433***	***$ 663,135***	***$ 47,702***

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The District bond schedule is included as an Appendix.
- The District refinanced the 1997 bond and had savings in the 07-08 year, which were $119,194. The costs expended in the 2006-07 school year were covered from a budget transfer that was done during the year.

Food Service and Other Special Revenue Fund General Fund Portion

This is a new budget line item to itemize the Food Service program expenditures beyond the revenue generated from meal sales.

General Fund Supplement

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Food Service	$ 54,446	$ 45,903	$ 37,500	$ 68,973	$ 1	$ 1	$ -
TOTAL	***$ 54,446***	***$ 45,903***	***$ 37,500***	***$ 68,973***	***$ 1***	***$ 1***	$ -

Other Funds (5200)

Funds in this budget are transferred from the General Fund to other funds, such as the Food Service Fund, and are allocations for gross budgeting which is offset by matching revenue amounts. In this manner, the entire scope of the Hopkinton School District's operating budget can be summarized in one budget.

5200 Other Funds

	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/Decrease
Federal & State Grants	$ 297,114	$ 275,780	$ 300,000	$ 310,511	$ 300,000	$300,000	$ -
Food Service	365,959	362,100	393,620	379,808	411,987	408,902	(3,085)
Fund 8 – Other Grants & Donations	59,397	41,765	38,795	21,930	38,795	38,795	-
TOTAL	***$ 722,470***	***$ 679,645***	***$ 732,415***	***$ 712,249***	***$ 750,782***	***$ 747,697***	***$ (3,085)***

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
14.45	13.15	13.50	12.97	(.53)

The reduction in food service reflects a part-time position not being filled and eventually eliminated from the Hopkinton Middle/High School, leading to a more efficient food service program.

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

SUMMARY BY BUDGET COMPONENTS

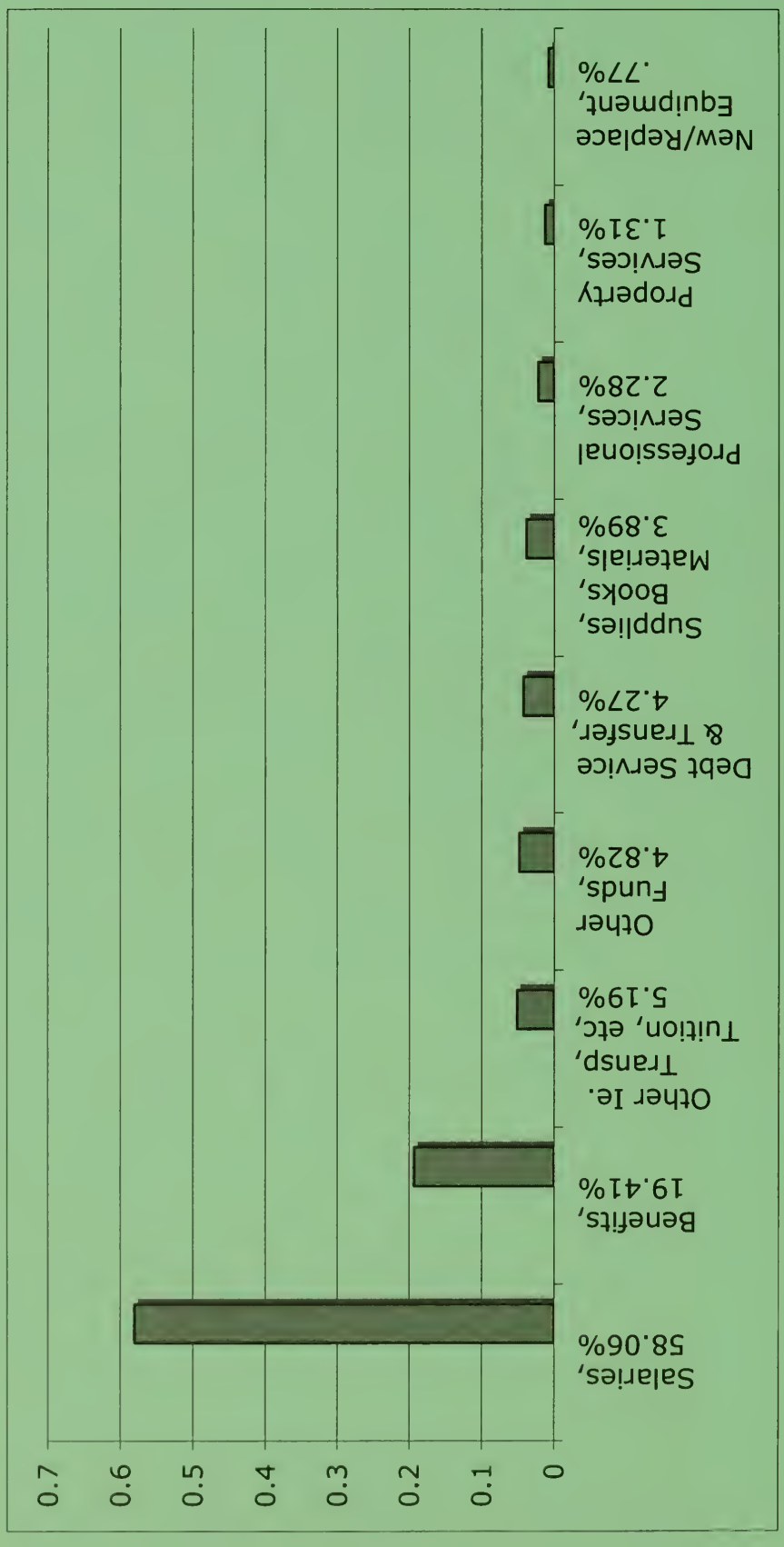
This chart provides an overview of the basic budgetary components contained within each of the department level budgets presented in this budget document, exclusive of warrant articles. Budget components include: Salaries; Benefits; Professional Services; Property Services; Other Services; Supplies and Materials; Property; Other Items.

Summary by Budget Component	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/ Decrease	% Chg
Salaries	$ 7,250,134	$ 7,828,373	$ 8,332,805	$ 8,107,043	$ 8,518,893	$ 9,012,214	$ 493,321	5.79%
Benefits	2,017,709	2,214,628	2,695,737	2,515,819	2,975,027	3,013,285	38,258	1.29%
Professional Services	224,572	212,444	279,248	224,479	327,041	354,045	27,004	8.26%
Property Services	149,260	192,727	251,284	196,440	236,366	203,685	(32,681)	(13.83%)
Other- I.e.: Transportation, Tuition, Printing	638,101	612,348	663,173	721,730	781,723	805,546	23,823	3.05%
Supplies, Books & Materials	513,744	531,322	656,190	583,029	664,569	604,241	(60,328)	(9.08%)
New/Replace Equipment	161,623	121,311	99,236	104,870	100,524	118,102	17,578	17.49%
Debt Service & GF Supplement to Food Service	615,998	717,794	706,510	764,499	615,434	663,136	47,702	7.75%
Other Funds (Offset by Revenues)	722,470	679,645	732,415	712,249	750,782	747,697	(3,085)	(.04%)
Total	***$ 12,293,611***	***$ 13,110,592***	***$ 14,416,598***	***$ 13,930,158***	***$ 14,970,359***	***$ 15,521,951***	***$ 551,592***	***3.68%***

FTE Budgeted Comparison

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
180.90	185.00	187.28	193.42	6.14

This chart represents the Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget by Major Budget Component



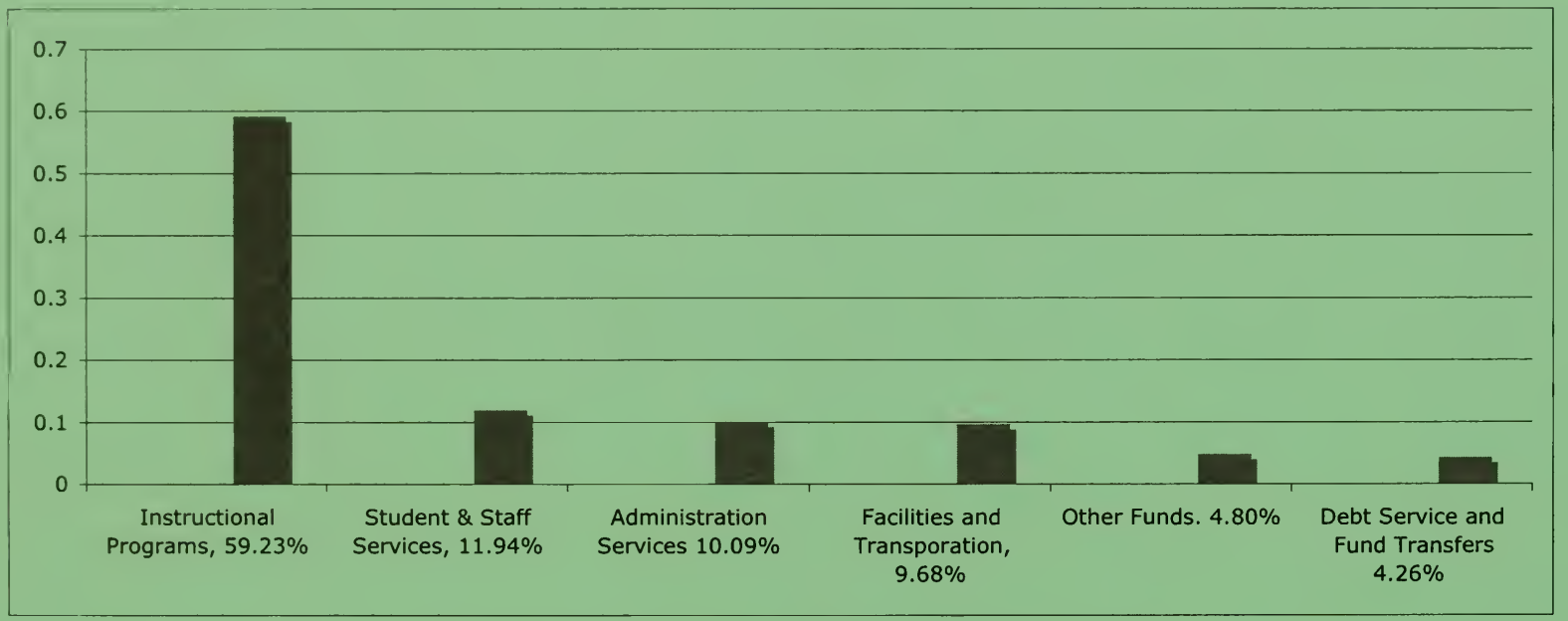
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

SUMMARY BY OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS

This chart summarizes the Hopkinton School District's Operational Budget, exclusive of warrant articles, according to the five major operational programs defined within this budget document: Instructional Programs; Student and Staff Services; Administrative Services; Facilities and Transportation; and Debt Service & Fund Transfers. It provides a clear illustration of specific operational components, as well as their respective impact on the overall budget.

Summary by Operational Program	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/ Decrease	% Chg
Instructional Programs	$ 6,963,362	$ 7,569,717	$ 8,506,740	$ 8,174,519	$ 8,829,959	$ 9,223,613	$ 393,654	4.46%
Student & Staff Services	1,385,920	1,457,367	1,582,235	1,548,406	1,779,803	1,859,543	79,740	4.48%
Administrative Services	1,291,571	1,327,859	1,330,658	1,284,895	1,406,836	1,507,993	101,157	7.19%
Facilities and Transportation	1,314,290	1,358,210	1,558,040	1,445,590	1,587,545	1,519,969	(67,576)	(4.26%)
Debt Service & GF Supplement to Food Service	615,998	717,794	706,510	764,499	615,434	663,136	47,702	7.75%
Other Funds (Offset by Revenues)	722,470	679,645	732,415	712,249	750,782	747,697	(3,085)	(.04%)
Total	***$ 12,293,611***	***$ 13,110,592***	***$ 14,416,598***	***$ 13,930,158***	***$ 14,970,359***	***$ 15,521,951***	***$ 551,592***	***3.68%***

This chart represents the majority of the Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget, which is dedicated directly to Instructional Programs.



HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

SUMMARY BY LOCATION

This chart summarizes the Hopkinton School District's Operational Budget, exclusive of warrant articles, according to the four locations. It provides a clear illustration of specific locations, as well as their respective impact on the overall budget.

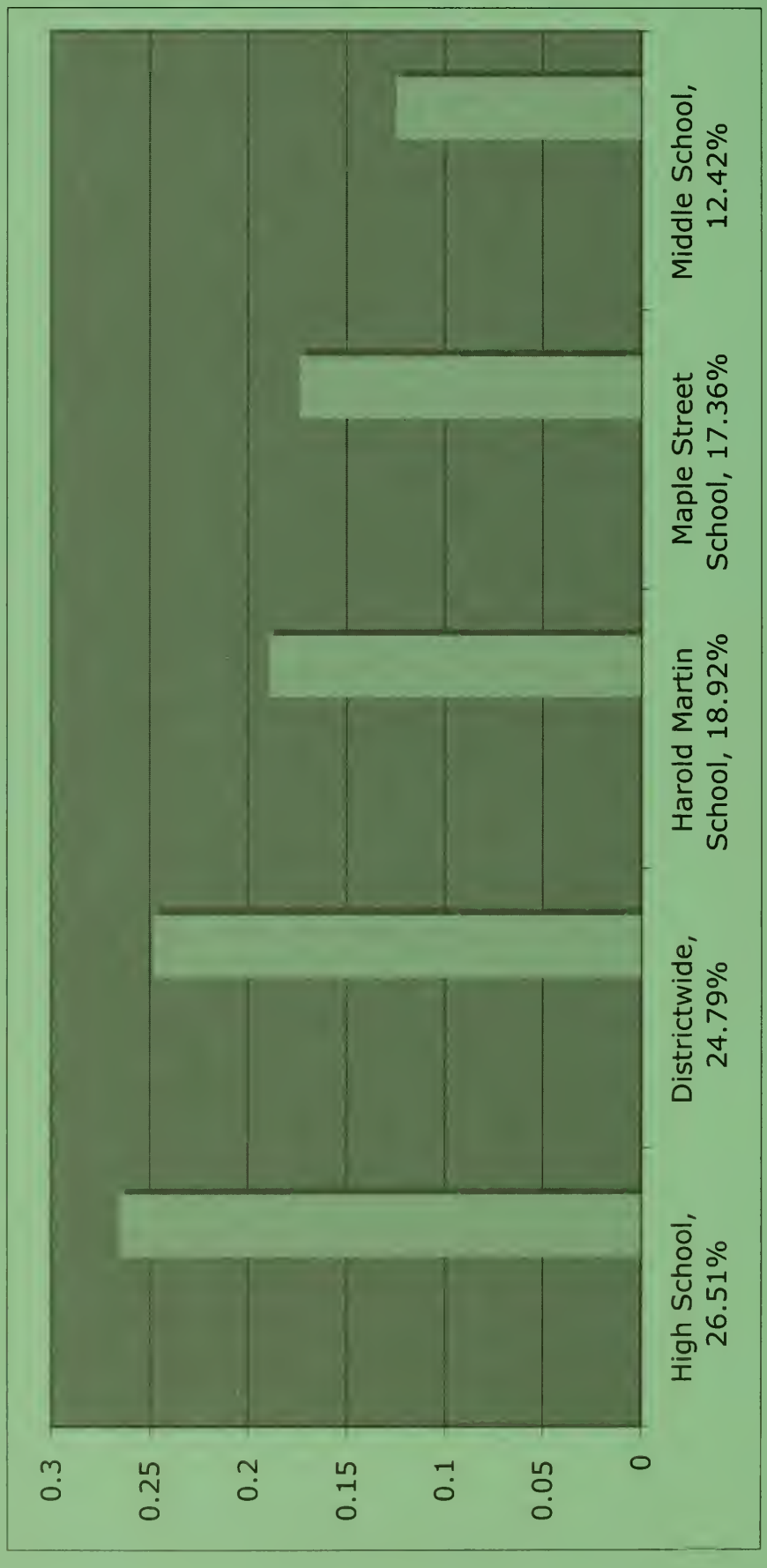
Summary by Location	Expended 2004-2005	Expended 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007	Expended 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	**Proposed 2008-2009**	Increase/ Decrease	% Chg
"Shared Personnel"	$ 3,188,014	3,356,489	$ 3,928,921	$ 2,654,857	$ 3,621,882	$ 3,847,260	$ 225,378	6.22%
Harold Martin School	2,328,835	2,474,293	2,679,412	2,701,550	2,875,199	2,936,978	61,779	2.15%
Maple Street School	1,999,994	2,179,584	2,328,250	2,328,403	2,569,526	2,695,044	125,518	4.88%
Middle School	1,427,683	1,536,345	1,705,749	1,712,116	1,894,021	1,927,038	33,017	1.74%
High School	3,349,085	3,563,881	3,774,266	3,696,537	4,009,731	4,115,631	105,900	2.64%
Total	***$ 12,293,611***	***$ 13,110,592***	***$ 14,416,598***	***$ 13,093,463***	***$ 14,970,359***	***$ 15,521,951***	***$ 551,592***	***3.68%***

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Increase(Decrease)
"Shared Personnel" *	15.60	15.92	15.55	16.63	1.08
Harold Martin School	49.35	49.87	50.75	52.17	1.42
Maple Street School	38.55	42.68	42.38	43.38	1.00
Middle School	26.25	26.30	26.05	27.78	1.73
High School	52.65	51.80	52.55	53.46	.91
Total	182.40	186.57	187.28	193.42	6.14

*= Shared Personnel includes Psychologist, Occupational Therapy Department, the Technology Department, the SAU staff, the Director of Maintenance, etc.

This chart represents the breakdown of the Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget by location.



Last Name	*First Name*	*Position*
Alberici	Michael	Music Teacher
Alibrandi	Nancy	Library Media Specialist
Aubertin	Lori	Grade 5 Teacher
Backman	Kathryn	Business Teacher
Barton	Sandra	Grade 5 Teacher
Batchelder	Susan	Art, Technology Teacher
Bewersdorf	Joyce	Literacy Teacher
Bickford	Lawrence	Math, Computer Science Teacher
Blanchard	Dorothy	Kindergarten Teacher
Bourgelais	Jennifer	Science Teacher
Boyko	Sandra	Grade 1 Teacher
Brandt	Richard	English Teacher
Brizard	James	Mathematics, PLTW Teacher
Burdette	Francoise	Behavior Specialist
Carrigg	Nancy	School to Work Coordinator
Carson	Tim	Behavior Specialist
Charron	Holly	Behavior Specialist
Chase	David	Physical Education Teacher
Chorney	Kenneth	Special Education Teacher
Christie	Bridget	Grade 6 Teacher
Clark	Debra	Special Education Teacher
Codd	Sally	Special Education Teacher
Conley	Kelly	Reading Specialist
Conley	Sheila	Nurse
Connolly	Patricia	Physical Education Teacher
Cotnoir	Michelle	French Teacher
Cross	Alicia	English Teacher
Dickson	Mark	Science Teacher
Dinan	Christine	Speech & Language Pathologist
Duncan	Mary-Christina	Guidance Counselor
Emerson	Kimberly	Art Teacher
Follansbee	Joan	Grade 6 Teacher
Forgiel	Kathleen	Grade 1 Teacher
Forsten	Robert	Psychologist
Fox	Gene	Guidance Counselor
Gelineau	Amy	Drama Teacher
Godfrey	John	Science Teacher

Last Name	*First Name*	*Position*
Grady	Teresa	Grade 3 Teacher
Griffin	Edna Marie	Music Teacher
Harb	Mary	French Teacher
Hassett	Leanne	Spanish Teacher
Heinz	Patricia	Grade 4 Teacher
Helm	Dorothy	Grade 3 Teacher
Henderson	Beth Anne	Physical Education Teacher
Hodgdon	Lary	Science Teacher
Houldsworth	Barbara	Preschool Teacher
House-Myers	Bette	Special Education Teacher/ Out of District Coord.
Jacques	Kristin	Grade 5 Teacher
Jenkins	Barbara	Grade 6 Teacher
Jones	Debra	Grade 3 Teacher
Kaplan	Madelon	Grade 1 Teacher
Kent	April	Kindergarten Teacher
Kleiner	Jacqueline	Guidance Counselor
Kociuba	James	Art Teacher
Krogman	Matthew	Social Studies Teacher
Kruse	Martha	Special Education/ Transition Coordinator
LaClair	Kathleen	English Teacher
Lajoie	Corrine	Guidance Counselor
Levesque	Jan	Nurse
Lochhead	Shelley	Library Media Specialist
Marasca	Maureen	Grade 4 Teacher
Martin	Curtis	Physical Education Teacher
May	Karen	Literacy Teacher
McAuliffe	Bonnie	Special Education Teacher
McClellan	Susan	English Teacher
McNally	Deborah	Literacy Teacher
Meserve	Daniel	Social Studies Teacher, Athletic Director
Moreau-Duana	Ann	Spanish Teacher
Morin	Diana	English Teacher
Morin	Lindsay	Behavior Specialist
Moskal	Pam	Social Studies Teacher

Last Name	*First Name*	*Position*
Nadeau	Robert	Social Studies Teacher
Nadeau	Susan	Special Education Teacher
Nichols	Linda	Grade 1 Teacher
Olson	Carl	German Teacher
Patterson	Holly	Behavior Specialist
Pepper	Kathleen	Grade 2 Teacher
Perkins	Eileen	Grade 4 Teacher
Pheffer	Michael	Wood Technology Teacher
Reinacher	Eileen	Special Education Teacher
Renauld	William	PLTW Teacher
Roberts	Patricia	Grade 4 Teacher
Roberts	Susan	Mathematics Teacher
Schaeffer	Kathy	Nurse
Semmens	Scott	Science Teacher
Senatore	Richard	Mathematics Teacher
Serzans	Stacy	Special Education Teacher
Silverman	Paul	Music Teacher
Sintros	Catherine	Social Studies Teacher
Smith	Anne	Special Education Teacher
Smith	Deidre	Literacy Coordinator
Smith	Elizabeth	Special Education Teacher
Sokul	Susan	Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Stokes	Tim	Grade 6 Teacher
Thornley	Melanie	Mathematics Teacher
Tilley	David	Grade 3 Teacher
Timm	Michael	English Teacher
Turcotte	Sarah	Literacy Teacher
Underwood	Patricia	Grade 5 Teacher
Walsh	Linda	Grade 2 Teacher
Welch	Richard	Science, PLTW Teacher
Wood	Lori	Speech & Language Pathologist
Woolner	Robert	Social Studies Teacher
Yonemura	Isobel	Grade 2 Teacher
Zipke	Scott	Mathematics Teacher

Hopkinton School District Student Enrollment
1998-1999 Through 2009-2010 (Projected)

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ENROLLMENT 1998-1999 Through 2010-2011 (Projected)

GRADE	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007 2008	Proj. 2008-2009*	Proj. 2009-2010*	Proj. 2010-2011*
Preschool									19	17			
Kindergarten	58	56	59	72	56	56	61	45	52	45	43	35	38
Grade 1	78	67	62	63	74	62	65	69	53	61	53	50	41
Grade 2	80	81	72	69	72	84	64	66	77	58	67	58	55
Grade 3	69	81	85	76	70	69	86	67	72	79	61	70	60
HAROLD MARTIN	**285**	**285**	**278**	**280**	**272**	**271**	**276**	**247**	**273**	**260**	**224**	**213**	**194**
Grade 4	89	66	83	87	71	79	76	87	72	82	85	66	76
Grade 5	78	100	69	85	91	69	83	79	88	76	84	88	69
Grade 6	92	79	98	73	87	90	78	87	80	94	80	88	92
MAPLE STREET	**259**	**245**	**250**	**245**	**249**	**238**	**237**	**253**	**240**	**252**	**249**	**242**	**237**
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	544	530	528	525	521	509	513	500	513	512	473	455	431
Grade 7	89	89	84	102	73	85	91	78	87	79	93	79	87
Grade 8	68	85	94	90	107	79	88	93	77	89	80	94	80
Grade 9	62	68	87	94	87	103	78	92	91	81	91	82	96
Grade 10	72	59	71	93	93	87	104	80	96	99	86	96	87
Grade 11	76	71	60	72	91	91	82	106	82	91	97	84	94
Grade 12	66	66	68	56	70	88	89	82	105	84	92	98	85
HIGH SCHOOL	**433**	**438**	**464**	**507**	**521**	**533**	**532**	**531**	**538**	**523**	**539**	**533**	**529**
TOTAL STUDENTS	**977**	**968**	**992**	**1,032**	**1,042**	**1,042**	**1,045**	**1,031**	**1,051**	**1,035**	**1,012**	**988**	**960**

*Based upon projections prepared by Doug Brown (Three Year Weighted Average)
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Annual School District Meeting

Hopkinton High School – Gymnasium
297 Park Avenue
Saturday, March 8, 2008
9:00 AM

Town Election of Officers

Hopkinton High School - Gymnasium
297 Park Avenue
Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Polls Open 7:30 AM
Polls Close 7:00 PM

Annual Town Meeting

Hopkinton High School - Gymnasium
297 Park Avenue
Saturday, March 15, 2008
9:00 AM

Hopkinton Village Precinct Annual Meeting

Hopkinton Town Hall
330 Main Street
Thursday, March 20, 2008
7:30 PM

Contoocook Village Precinct Annual Meeting

Hopkinton Library – Community Room
61 Houston Drive
Tuesday, March 25, 2008
7:00 PM

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